

The Priesthood Prays

But you are a chosen generation, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2.9 NKJV) In Holy Baptism God has made you a member of His royal priesthood. He made you holy through the forgiveness of your sins. As priests, you are to speak to people for God (witness, proclaim) and speak to God for people (pray). If priests are to speak, they must first listen to the Lord who speaks His Word. Therefore priests are to read, study, mark, and inwardly digest the Sacred Scriptures so that they will have something to say to the neighbor and to God. The following order is a guide for daily meditation and prayer.

For the week of the Sixth Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

Catechesis Notes

As I wrote last Sunday, the person is worthy who is sincerely repentant. If you are contrite, that is, if you use the Law of God according to its second purpose (the mirror, which shows you your sins, Romans 3.20) and you know from it that you are a lost sinner, and if you believe that your sin is forgiven because Jesus died to take your guilt away, that is, you believe the gospel, the Lord's Supper is for you, to strengthen your faith and trust in Jesus and what He has done. It is through the Word of God in Law and Gospel that saving faith is engendered and nurtured in you by the Holy Spirit, and this faith makes you a worthy communicant.

Pray and confess as much from this order for prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation - In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed - Confess the Creed as your statement of faith and praise to God for His goodness and love.

Verse: My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. John 10.27-28

Psalmody: Psalm 118.19-29(.26) The gate of righteousness. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household. **IV. How to Receive This Sacrament Worthily**

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Sunday - Exodus 8.1-32; Hebrews 1.1-14

Monday - Exodus 9.1-28; Lamentations 1.1-22; Hebrews 2.1-18

Tuesday - Exodus 9.29-10.20; Lamentations 2.1-22; Hebrews 3.1-19

Wednesday - Exodus 10.21-11.10; Lamentations 3.1-66; Hebrews 4.1-16

Holy Thursday - Exodus 12.1-28; Lamentations 4.1-22; Hebrews 5.1-14; Psalm 31

Good Friday - Exodus 12.29-32; 13.1-16; Lamentations 5.1.22; Hebrews 6.1-20; Psalm 22

Holy Saturday - Exodus 13.17-14.9; Hebrews 7.1-22

Collect for the Week: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Holy Thursday: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Good Friday: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Holy Saturday: O God, creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

Sunday: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling, daily work; the unemployed; salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government and peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family; living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear children alone; and godly schools, especially St. John Lutheran School, our church schools, and seminaries.

Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are weak in the faith or have fallen away; receptive ears for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

In Our Prayers This Week

Those who mourn Dolores Andrees, who died Wednesday and will be laid to rest Monday.

Tammy Rowles

Eunice Foote (mother of Henry Foote) - Crestwood

Beatrice Marten - Tonawanda Manor, 111 Ensminger Rd., Tonawanda

Jane Heuer - Clarebridge, Nash Rd., Wheatfield

Len Chef, Gary Lamson, and Rick Skorik with the U. S. Military

Leona Doebler - DeGraff Skilled Nursing Facility

Donna Behrns - Wedgewood Campus, Amherst, NY

Mike Solomon - Five Points Correctional Facility, Romulus, NY

At Home - Marv Werth, Marilyn Licht, Allene Horack, Gerry Bowman, Jerry Toellner, Cathy Donner, Nancy Musall, Jeff Kroening, Audrey Owen (mother of Dawn Bartlett), June Bartlett (mother of Vern Bartlett), Paul D'Angelis, Sr., Frank Schlegl, Bill Nearhood, Walter Thiemke (283 Hammocks Drive, Orchard Park, NY, 14127; send mail C/O son, Larry, at 173 Meadowbrook, Orchard Park, NY, 14127-2731), Merle Law (father of Jody Darlak), Carol Catlin, Terry Estel (former principal of St. John Lutheran School), at home after heart surgery, Nathan Ferchen (father of Charlene Scherrer), Darlene Hathaway, Edna Proefrock, Colleen Syruws, Tracy Miller, Joe D'Angelis, Jennis Pankow, Ardis DuBois, Rosie Siegmann, Joe Kelly, Douglas Willison, Loretta Siegman, Chaise Haring (Crohn's disease), Grace Pankow, Sue Mioducki, Debra Stenzel, Bill Nelson, Betty Skryzpek, Wally Lemke, Ron Kroening, Gerald Haseley, Margaret Vorpahl, Patricia Barber, Don Licht, LeRoy Stenzel, Carol Vosburgh, Dave Montrello (co-worker of Joe Kelly).

The Lord's Prayer, and Morning or Evening Prayer from The Small Catechism

The Hymn of the Week - "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" [LSB](#) 334

Close: To Him who has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds + in His peace. Amen.

Looking forward to the Feast of the Resurrection - April 24, 2011

Exodus 14.10-15.1: The salvation of the Lord. The Egyptians drowned in the sea.

Colossians 3.1-4: Seek the things above. You have died. You will appear with Christ in glory.

Matthew 28.1-10: The Resurrection of Jesus, according to Matthew.

for glorification. Whoever serves Him will follow Him to the cross and lose His life in this world.

(If you want your name removed from the prayer list, please call the church office at 693-9677.)