

Please bring this sheet home with you to use this week with your family!

Holy Cross at Home

A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022 through April 2, 2022

As you use this devotional resource at home, you may use or omit certain parts, as you see fit for your family group. Be sure to include the basic elements, like Scripture reading and prayer, especially the Lord's Prayer, and add others later. If you cannot sing the hymn, read a stanza or two and reflect on its message. As with all things, they get better with practice! May the Lord bless you and those with whom you pray, and may He graciously gather us again as the Body of Christ, since we know the great, final Day approaches.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

Apostles' Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: 2 Timothy 3:15

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32

Psalm Prayer: O holy Lord, in forgiving sins You give blessedness to those who confess You, hear the prayer of Your present family, and having destroyed the sting of sin, bedew us with spiritual exultation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
March 27	Genesis 41:28-57	Mark 11:20-33
March 28	Genesis 42:1-38	Mark 12:1-12
March 29	Genesis 43:1-28	Mark 12:13-27
March 30	Genesis 44:1-34	Mark 12:28-44
March 31	Genesis 45:1-28	Mark 13:1-23
April 1	Genesis 47:1-31	Mark 13:24
April 2	Genesis 49:29—50:26	Mark 14:1-11
April 3	Exodus 1:1-22	Mark 14:12-31

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Catechism for the Week: The Ten Commandments (see *LSB* p. 321)
Third Commandment

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for persecuted Christians:

Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when they were called upon to deny the faith. By Your Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your own before the Father in heaven. Amen.

For our parish shut-ins and all who suffer from loneliness
For a penitent heart during the season of Lent
For grace to recall our Baptism and the blessings of daily forgiveness
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool
For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Lloyd Harfst, Phyllis Henry, Steven Henry, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Irma Kerksiek, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Briggette Mwazembe Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Curt & Elenita Wendt and Blanch Weymuth.

Lord's Prayer ✠

Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Prayers at the Family Table

V: Let us bless the Lord!

R: Thanks be to God!

Blessing: The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in ✠ His peace. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week:

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

Hymns: 559; 420; 634; 566; 636; 693

Readings: Psalm 3; Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4-14; Luke 20:9-20

“Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.” Paul assures the Philippian Christians that glory and gain in this world is “rubbish” in comparison to the surpassing worth of knowing our Lord Jesus. He is the fulfillment of the prophecy from Psalm 118: “The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.” Though He was rejected and crucified, He has attained our prize—a righteousness that comes through faith in Him.