

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Cantate* (Easter 5)

Sunday, May 19, 2019 *through* Saturday, May 25, 2019

“Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper”

Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21; John 16:5-15

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in Heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights”** through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, **“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid”** (Isaiah 12:2).

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 66

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XX: Good Works*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 41-44, 199-201

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 19: Leviticus 20:1-27
Luke 11:37-54

Monday, May 20: Leviticus 21:1-22:32
Luke 12:1-12

Tuesday, May 21: Leviticus 23:1-22
Luke 12:13-34

Wednesday, May 22: Leviticus 23:23-44
Luke 12:35-53

Thursday, May 23: Leviticus 24:1-25:55
Luke 12:54-13:17

Friday, May 24: Leviticus 26:1-20
Luke 13:18-35

Saturday, May 25: Leviticus 26:21-Numbers 2:34
Luke 14:1-24

HYMN

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

LSB 556:1, 5

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vic'try won.
What price our ransom cost Him!**

**God said to His Beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, Bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."**

PRAYERS

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and

lead us not into temptation, but ✠ deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: Rogate (Easter 6)

Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107	James 1:22-27	John 16:23-33
Hymn of the Day	<i>Salvation Unto Us Has Come</i>		LSB 555