

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Jubilate* (Easter 4)

Sunday, May 12, 2019 *through* Saturday, May 18, 2019

“Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice”

Lamentations 3:22-33; 1 Peter 2:11-20; John 16:16-22

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. **“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him”** (Lamentations 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. **“A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me”** (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. **“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”** (Isaiah 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ, the crucified and risen Savior. **“And no one will take your joy from you”** (John 16:22).

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 147

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XX: Good Works*

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 12: Leviticus 8:1-36
Luke 9:1-17

Monday, May 13: Leviticus 9:1-24
Luke 9:18-36

Tuesday, May 14: Leviticus 10:1-15:33
Luke 9:37-62

Wednesday, May 15: Leviticus 16:1-24
Luke 10:1-22

Thursday, May 16: Leviticus 17:1-16
Luke 10:23-42

Friday, May 17: Leviticus 18:1-19:8

Luke 11:1-13

Saturday, May 18: Leviticus 19:9-37

Luke 11:14-36

HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483:1, 3

With high delight let us unite

In songs of great jubilation.

Ye pure in heart, all bear your part,

Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free forever, He

Is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends

Good news to save ev'ry nation.

Let praises ring; give thanks and bring

To Christ our Lord adoration.

His honor speed by word and deed

To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.

So shall His love give us above,

From misery and death set free,

All joy and full consolation.

PRAYERS

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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: *Cantate* (Easter 5)

Isaiah 12:1-6	Psalm 66	James 1:16-21	John 16:5-15
Hymn of the Day	<i>Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice</i>		LSB 556