

Devotions for Holy Week

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

My mouth is filled with Your praise,

and with Your glory all the day.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Monday Psalm 36:5–10

Tuesday Psalm 71:1–14

Wednesday Psalm 70

Scripture Readings

The Apostles' Creed is confessed.

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves.

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse 9 of Psalm 36 says, “For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. Our psalm prophesies the coming into the world of the Lord and Savior, The true light, which gives light to everyone,

He come so that everyone may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith.

During Holy Week our focus is on the steadfast love of the Son. St. John tells us of our Saviour, ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

God is the source of all that his people need for the challenges of life. From his limitless supply flows a never-ending stream of strength, wisdom and guidance. In our present burdens and worries, in our isolation and temporary exile, we are blessed as those who are sanctified by faith, we are set apart and made holy through the atoning sacrifice of the cross. The Epistle for today from Hebrews says, “Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.”

When we consider the difficulties of this present world, let us cast our eyes upon Jesus on the Cross, who suffered all for us. Jesus bore our burdens, and to Him we turn, for He will “continue [His] steadfast love to us, always.