

Commemoration of the Patriarch Joseph**Tuesday, 31 March**

Joseph was the son of the Patriarch Jacob (commemorated on 5 February) and Rachel. Being, in fact, the favorite son of his father, he incurred the jealousy of his older brothers, who sold him into slavery in Egypt and led their father to believe that Joseph was dead (Genesis 37). In Egypt he became the chief servant in the home of Potiphar, a military official. Because Joseph refused to commit adultery with his master's wife, he was unjustly accused of attempted rape and thrown into jail (Genesis 39). Years later, he interpreted dreams for Pharaoh, who then freed him from prison and placed him in charge of the entire country. When his brothers came from Canaan to Egypt in search of food, they did not recognize him. Eventually, though, he revealed his identity to them, forgave them, and invited both them and their father to live in Egypt with their entire extended family. Joseph is remembered and honored for his moral uprightness (Genesis 39) and especially for his willingness to forgive his brothers (Genesis 45 and 50).

Looking forward to the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord 5 April '15

Hymns:

LSB #457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB #458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

LSB #461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB #489 Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB #741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Isaiah 25:6–9: The entire sinful world is described as though a corpse, veiled in a funeral shroud and destined for death and damnation. But the Lord God, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that shroud of mortality by submitting Himself to death and bursting it apart from the inside out. Not only that, but His very Body and Blood, crucified for our salvation, are given and poured out for us as the Feast of eternal life on the Mountain of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11: The Apostle Paul delivers to the Church that which he has received from the Lord: the confession of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, who has been crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. The Church, in turn, receives and hands over this sacred "tradition" of the Gospel, most concisely by way of the Creeds, but so also in her orders of the Liturgy, the faithful administration of the Holy Sacraments, in her hymns and prayers, and in the words and actions of her individual members, as they confess the faith.

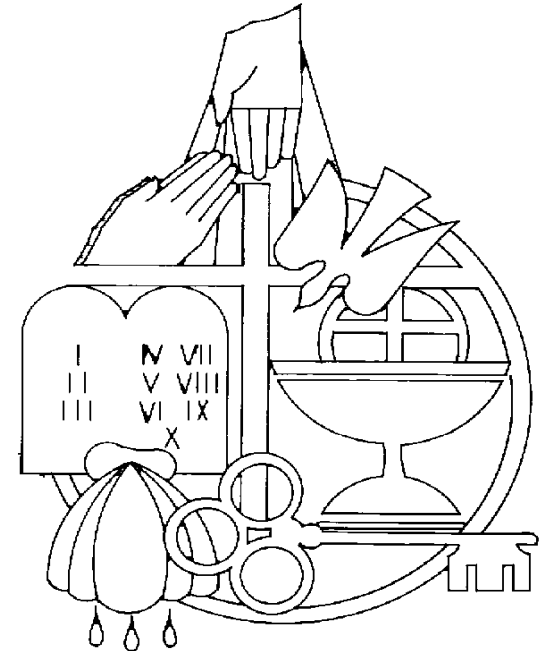
St. Mark 16:1–8: When several of the faithful women, who have followed and supported Jesus in His Ministry, make their way to His tomb after the Sabbath has ended—very early in the morning on the first day of the week—they discover that the great stone has been rolled away and the body of Jesus is no longer there. A young man clothed in white (reminiscent of the newly baptized) declares that Jesus, who was crucified, has risen from the dead and has gone ahead to meet His disciples, just as He has spoken. It is by and through our Baptism into the death and burial of Christ Jesus, that we pass through death into life with Him; we enter into His tomb, in order to rise and live with Him.

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ HOLY WEEK, ANNO DOMINI 2015 ✚

“They were continually devoting themselves to the Apostolic Doctrine and to the Communion, to the Breaking of the Bread, and to the Prayers.”
(Acts of the Apostles 2:42)

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(Good Friday, 3 April 2015) Collect for the Solemn Observance of 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. *(Amen)*

(Holy Saturday, 4 April 2015) Collect for the Sabbath Rest of Christ

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. *(Amen)*

(The Evening of Holy Saturday, 4 April '15) Collect for the Great Vigil of Easter

Almighty God, by the power of Your Word all things were created and are sustained; You send forth Your Spirit to renew Your creation. Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for You, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(Amen)*

[The Daily Morning or Evening Prayer, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction]:

(Morning): We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You; for into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things; let Your holy Angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

(Evening): We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this day from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would forgive us all our sins, wherever we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night; for into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things; let Your holy Angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

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.

[The Collects for Holy Week]:

(Sunday, 29 March 2015) Collect for Palm Sunday

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Sunday, 29 March 2015) Collect for the Sunday of the Passion

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)

(Monday, 30 March 2015) Collect for the Monday of Holy Week

Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Tuesday, 31 March 2015) Collect for the Tuesday of Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Wednesday, 1 April 2015) Collect for the Wednesday of Holy Week

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Maundy Thursday, 2 April '15) Collect for the Observance of Maundy Thursday

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred 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. (Amen)

The Holy Week of Our Lord's Cross & Passion 29 Mar – 4 Apr '15

This Week in the Church Year

The divine irony and paradox of Palm Sunday and the Passion of our Lord, is not so much the fickle turn of public opinion (from 'Hosanna!' to 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him!'); it is, rather, that Jesus comes as our King to save us now precisely by His Crucifixion. King David's royal Son, the Lord's Anointed, ascends His throne and reigns in triumph from the tree of the Cross! There is the Love of God most fully and completely manifested, for the salvation of us poor sinners by His grace and mercy alone. His presence and power to save in that way—by His Holy Passion—is the height of His divine glory.

Emphasis: Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

The Order of Daily Catechesis in Word and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of daily catechesis as you and your family are able. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

[The Opening Versicles and Psalmody]:

O Lord, open my lips. And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Psalm 118:19–29 (and/or one or more of the daily Psalms listed below)

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'sday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24, 84, 150	31, 145, 119:73–80	42, 34, 146	56, 5, 147:1–11	116, 38, 147:12–20	38, 22, 148	88, 43, 149
Evening	118, 42, 32	36, 121, 6	71, 25, 91	70, 27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	16, 143

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.

The Verse: Philippians 2:8b

Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death
— even death on a cross!

Readings for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, 29 March 2015

Exodus 8:1–32; Hebrews 1:1–14

Monday, 30 March 2015

Exodus 9:1–28; Hebrews 2:1–18

Tuesday, 31 March 2015 (The Patriarch Joseph)

Exodus 9:29—10:20; Hebrews 3:1–19

Wednesday, 1 April 2015

Exodus 10:21—11:10; Hebrews 4:1–16

Maundy Thursday, 2 April 2015

Exodus 12:1–28; Hebrews 5:1–14

Good Friday, 3 April 2015

Exodus 12:29–32; 13:1–16; Hebrews 6:1–20

Holy Saturday, 4 April 2015

Exodus 13:17—14:9; Hebrews 7:1–22

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: Confession & Holy Absolution, Part I

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts: First, that we confess our sins; and Second, that we receive Absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the Pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

The Hymns of the Week

“ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”

LSB #442

[Daily Prayer: Invocation, Apostles' Creed, Kyrie Eleison, and the Our Father]:

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

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 sits 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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 & ever. Amen.