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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 7

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.*

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?*

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;*

the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴Be angry, and do not sin;*

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices,*

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?*"

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

⁷You have put more joy in my heart*

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep;*

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

THE CATECHISM

The Sacrament of the Altar

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

P: *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

C: **Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**

THE READINGS

Sun	Apr 18	Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49
Mo	Apr 19	Exodus 33:1-23 ; Luke 7:1-17
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Tue	Apr 20	Exodus 34:1-28, Luke 7:18-35
Wed	Apr 21	Exodus 34:29-35:21; Luke 7:36-50
Thu	Apr 22	Exodus 38:21-39:8, 2-23, 27-31; Luke 8:1-21
Fri	Apr 23	Exodus 39:32-40:16; Luke 8:22-39
Sat	Apr 24	Exodus 40:17-38; Luke 8:40-56

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Blessing

L May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

R: Amen

Welcome to Worship! Today's worship focuses on the joy that is ours as followers of Jesus. In the Introit, we say, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." The collect asks God to give His faithful people "perpetual gladness and eternal joys." In the reading from Acts, we come upon a formerly lame man who in the verses before, was "walking and leaping and praising God" for joy at his healing. In the Gospel, the disciples "disbelieved for joy" at seeing Jesus. The Epistle speaks of the reason for our joy: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!"