

Daily Home Devotions

For the week of the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2018 through February 10, 2018

Verse of the Week

And [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” – Mark 1:38

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Collect for the week of the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith, that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God’s Word for the week of the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 – Does God have the power to help His people? Yes, He does. Though the world’s problems seem more powerful than God, the prophet assures us He is in control. He created the heavens and earth and everything in them. He sustains all who are weak with His own might.

1 Corinthians 9:16-27 – Paul knows his calling is to preach the Gospel. It is the calling of every Christian. Our only boasting is in the Lord. We are led to speak the Gospel to every situation that others are in, wanting them to have confidence in Christ. This also keeps us focused on Christ in our own lives.

Mark 1:29-39 – The power of Jesus and the Word He speaks is evident in this reading. From healing Simon’s mother-in-law to healing others to driving out demons, Jesus makes life better. Yet we also see that Jesus is not content to stay in one place. Many more need the Gospel and His help.

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 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.

Hymn of the Week: Hail to the Lord's Anointed – verses 1-4

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.

2. He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

3. He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

Catechism Review: Eighth Commandment

What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment? (A) God forbids us to tell lies about our neighbor in a court of law or elsewhere, that is, to lie about, lie to, or withhold the truth from our neighbor. (B) God forbids us to betray our neighbor, that is, to reveal our neighbor's secrets. (C) God forbids us to slander our neighbor or hurt our neighbor's reputation.

Reading through the Bible: Read chapters 11, 12, and 13 of Deuteronomy

1. Much of chapter 11 Moses has said before. Why would he repeat it?
2. Why were the Israelites to destroy the altars of other gods?
3. Why was God to choose a place of worship for the Israelites?
4. Why were the Israelites not to eat the blood of animals?
5. How might God test the Israelites when it comes to false worship?
6. How does chapter 13 show that it will be hard for Israel to be faithful?

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.