



James Tissot, *Last Supper*

(An image corresponding to the context of the reading from John's Gospel for this day)

## EASTER 5 FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Content from *The Book of Common Prayer* and its Lectionary Readings

*Leader:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**Christ our Passover** [*may be prayed responsively*]

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

*therefore let us keep the feast,*

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

*but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

*death no longer has dominion over him.*

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

*but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

*and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

*the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

For since by a man came death, \*

*by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

For as in Adam all die, \*

*so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

## **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
*deliver me in your righteousness.*
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
*make haste to deliver me.*
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
*for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
*for you are my tower of strength.*
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
*for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who  
persecute me.*
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
*and in your loving-kindness save me."*

## **A reading from the book of Acts**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.    *People:* Thanks be to God.

**Third Song of Isaiah**    {*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c,18-19*}

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
    *and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.*  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
    *deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.*  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
    *and his glory will appear upon you.*  
Nations Will stream to your light, \*  
    *and kings to the brightness of your dawning.*  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
    *by day or night they will never be shut.*  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
    *The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.*  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
    *ruin or destruction within your borders.*  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
    *and all your portals, Praise.*  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
    *by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.*  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
    *and your God will be your glory.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **A reading from the Gospel according to John**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.    *People:* Thanks be to God.

### **The Song of the Redeemed**    {*Revelation 15:3-4*}

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*

*surpassing human understanding.*

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

*O King of all the ages.*

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \*

*for you only are the holy One.*

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*

*because your just and holy works have been revealed.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Leader:* Let us pray.

*All:* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader :* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People: And grant us your salvation.*

*Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;*

*People: Let your people sing with joy.*

*Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;*

*People: For only in you can we live in safety.*

*Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;*

*People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

*Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;*

*People: Your saving health among all nations.*

*Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;*

*People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

*Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;*

*People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

*Leader: (invite participants to offer prayers for others)*

*Leader:*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Leader:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21

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**Participant Roles:**

Leader:

Psalm leader:

Acts Reading:

Song of Isaiah leader:

Luke Reading:

Song to the Lamb leader

Leader of the Suffrages {intercessory prayers based on Scripture}: