

# The Great Fifty Days

*Scripture and Prayers  
for the Season of Eastertide  
for the week of May 10, 2020*



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## Your "Silver Lining Journal"

The other day I was talking with one of our Trustees. That conversation caused two Silver Linings to surface.

How is your "Silver Lining Journal" going?

Remember to pause and thank God for the Silver Linings you record. God gives us powerful resources.

I heard this sung at a Sunday Morning Service held at Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If the voice of a child can reach You,  
O my Father,  
Listen to the prayer of Jesus,  
on his knees before You!  
If You have chosen me to teach your laws on earth,  
I will know how to serve You,  
noble King of kings, O Light!  
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth,  
In order that he who doubt  
should with humility revere You!  
Do not abandon me,  
give me the necessary gentleness,  
To ease suffering,  
to relieve sorrow, the misery!  
Reveal Yourself to me,  
Lord in whom I believe and hope.

Stéphan Bordèse, 1847-1919;  
tr. David K. Smythe

# A Week of Scripture Reading

## **Sunday** - **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Eastertide** **May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 136; Psalm 117  
An Epistle reading: Hebrews 12:1-14

## **Monday** - **May 11**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 124, Psalm 115  
A Gospel reading: Luke 7:36-50

## **Tuesday** - **May 12**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 98; Psalm 146  
A Gospel reading: Luke 8:1-15

## **Wednesday** - **May 13**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 99  
A Gospel reading: Luke 8:16-25

## **Thursday** - **May 14**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 68  
A Gospel reading: Luke 8:26-39

## **Friday** - **May 15**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 138  
A Gospel reading: Luke 8:40-56

## **Saturday** - **May 16**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 23  
A Gospel reading: Luke 9:1-17

## **Sunday** - **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Eastertide** **May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 93  
An Epistle reading: I Timothy 3:14 - 4:5



*(If the mail is slow, you have  
a start on the new week)*

# Thoughts and Affirmations

It was the resurrection which transformed Peter's fear into courage and James' doubt into faith.

It was the resurrection which changed the Sabbath into Sunday and the Jewish remnant into the Christian Church.

It was the resurrection which changed Saul, the Pharisee, into Paul, the Apostle, the fanatical persecutor became the preacher of the very faith he previously tried to destroy.

These are the evidences for the resurrection. The body had disappeared. The grave clothes remained undisturbed. The Lord was seen. And the disciples were transformed. There was no adequate explanation of these phenomena other than the great Christian affirmation, the Lord is risen indeed!

Dr. John Stott,  
Basic Christianity

"Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others look ordinary. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value.

"When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes its own unique contribution to the glory of God.

"That's community, a fellowship of people who gather to make God visible in the world."

Henri Nouwen