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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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Daily Devotion at Zion + April 2022 AD + **Passiontide** + **Easter**

## **Walking in Newness of Life**

Daily devotion is, in a way, the simple art of walking in “newness of life” as described by St. Paul in Romans 6:4:

*We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Though not yet raised from the dead, we nevertheless walk in the power of the resurrection by faith.

That power looks like weakness to the world, because it is a different kind of power. It’s the strength of depending more and more on God our Father, and leaning on His spiritual provision and grace in Jesus Christ.

The rhythm of devotion puts that power to work in us. It plants the Word into our ears and hearts, and raises up from us prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, so that we die to ourselves and live to Christ. As we do so, we pray that we may become more and more like Him, even as He became one of us.

To celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord, is to proclaim this new life and give thanks for it, so that what the world first regards as weakness may become its most cherished strength.

## **About the Cover Art**

*Radiating circles of green proclaim that new life, fresher than spring, shines from this Savior. At His feet lies an image of Himself, entombed, and even farther beneath Him lies a skeleton. If we look closely, we can see that green has begun to color those old bones, suggesting that the golden lines connecting Christ and the skeleton are not so much Christ “swooping up” from the bones as they are Christ breathing new life into the bones, signifying His redemption of the dead. Notice the words of Romans 6:4 wrapped over Him, and the waves of Baptism behind Him. (“Newness of Life,” by Chris Koelle, all rights reserved)*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Lent 5 (April 3)

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| <b>S</b> Exodus 3:16—4:12<br>Romans 12:1-21<br>John 8:46-59                  | <b>Th</b> Exodus 7:25—8:19<br>2 Corinthians 3:7-18<br>Mark 10:17-31                            |
| <b>M</b> Exodus 4:10-31<br>1 Corinthians 14:1-19<br>Mark 9:30-41             | <b>F</b> Exodus 9:13-35<br>2 Corinthians 4:1-12<br>Mark 10:32-45                               |
| <b>T</b> Exodus 5:1—6:1<br>1 Corinthians 14:20-33a,<br>39-40<br>Mark 9:42-50 | <b>Sa</b> Exodus 10:21—11:8<br>2 Corinthians 4:13-18<br>Mark 10:46-52                          |
| <b>W</b> Exodus 7:8-24<br>2 Corinthians 2:14—3:6<br>Mark 10:1-16             | <i>These readings correspond to pages 964– 998 in Volume III of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Lent 6 (April 10)

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| <b>S</b> Zechariah 9:9-12<br>1 Timothy 6:12-16<br>Luke 19:41-48              | <b>Th</b> Lamentations 2:10-18<br>1 Corinthians 10:14-17;<br>11:27-32<br>Mark 1:12-25          |
| <b>M</b> Lamentations 1:1-2,<br>6-12<br>2 Corinthians 1:1-7<br>Mark 11:12-25 | <b>F</b> Lamentations 3:1-9,<br>19-33<br>1 Peter 1:10-20<br>John 13:36-38                      |
| <b>T</b> Lamentations 1:17-22<br>2 Corinthians 1:8-22<br>Mark 11:27-33       | <b>Sa</b> Lamentations 3:37-58<br>Hebrews 4:1-16<br>Romans 8:1-11                              |
| <b>W</b> Lamentations 2:1-9<br>2 Corinthians 1:23—<br>2:11<br>Mark 12:1-11   | <i>These readings correspond to pages 999—1037 in Volume III of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Easter 1 (April 17)

<b>S</b> Exodus 12:1-14 John 1:1-18 Luke 24:13-35	<b>Th</b> Exodus 13:3-10 1 Corinthians 15:14-50 Matthew 28:16-20
<b>M</b> Exodus 12:14-27 1 Corinthians 7:15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	<b>F</b> Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Luke 24:1-12
<b>T</b> Exodus 12:28-39 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 Mark 16:9-20	<b>Sa</b> Exodus 13:17—14:4 2 Corinthians 4:16— 5:10 Mark 12:18-27
<b>W</b> Exodus 12:40-51 1 Corinthians 15:29-41 Matthew 28:1-16	

*These readings correspond to pages 1041-1073 in Volume III of For All the Saints.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Easter 2 (April 24)

<b>S</b> Exodus 14:5-22 1 John 1:1-7 John 14:1-7	<b>Th</b> Exodus 16:10-21 1 Peter 2:11—3:12 John 15:12-27
<b>M</b> Exodus 14:21-31 1 Peter 1:1-12 John 14:1-17	<b>F</b> Exodus 16:22-36 1 Peter 3:13—4:6 John 16:1-15
<b>T</b> Exodus 15:1-21 1 Peter 1:13-25 John 14:18-31	<b>Sa</b> Exodus 17:1-16 1 Peter 4:7-19 John 16:16-33

**W** Exodus 15:22—16:10  
1 Peter 2:1-10  
John 15:1-11

*These readings correspond to pages 1073-1110 in Volume III of For All the Saints.*