



HE WAS DESPISED  
AND REJECTED...  
A MAN OF SORROWS  
AND FAMILIAR  
WITH SUFFERING.

ISAIAH 53:3

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2021 MIDWEEK LENTEN MEDITATIONS

IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION

Good Friday - April 2, 2021

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**HYMN 171:1,2,4,6 Upon the Cross Extended**

1 Upon the cross extended,  
See, world, thy Lord suspended,  
Thy Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.

2 Come hither now and ponder,  
'Twill fill thy soul with wonder,  
Blood streams from every pore.  
Through grief whose depth none knoweth,  
From His great heart there floweth  
Sigh after sigh of anguish o'er.

4 I caused Thy grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Thy soul is cumbered,  
Thy sorrows raised by wicked hands.

6 The load Thou takest on Thee,  
That pressed so sorely on me,  
It crushed me to the ground.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
My healing in Thy wounds is found.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congr.: **Amen.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

Congr.: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Congr.: **A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

### **The Responsive Reading Psalm 22:1-19**

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

**Why are You so far from helping Me,  
And from the words of My groaning?**

<sup>2</sup> O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;  
**And in the night season, and am not silent.**

<sup>3</sup> But You *are* holy,  
**Enthroned in the praises of Israel.**

<sup>4</sup> Our fathers trusted in You;  
**They trusted, and You delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup> They cried to You, and were delivered;  
**They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.**

<sup>6</sup> But I *am* a worm, and no man;  
**A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup> All those who see Me ridicule Me;  
**They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,**

<sup>8</sup> “He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him;  
**Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”**

<sup>9</sup> But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;  
**You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts.**

<sup>10</sup> I was cast upon You from birth.  
**From My mother’s womb You *have been* My God.**

<sup>11</sup> Be not far from Me, For trouble *is* near;  
**For *there is* none to help.**

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls have surrounded Me;  
**Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.**

<sup>13</sup> They gape at Me *with* their mouths,  
**Like a raging and roaring lion.**

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;  
**My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.**

<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
And My tongue clings to My jaws;  
**You have brought Me to the dust of death.**

<sup>16</sup> For dogs have surrounded Me;  
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

**They pierced My hands and My feet;**

<sup>17</sup> I can count all My bones.

**They look *and* stare at Me.**

<sup>18</sup> They divide My garments among them,

**And for My clothing they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup> But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me;

**O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congr.: And also with you.

Pastor: The Collect    Congr.: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY: Jesus' Death and Burial        (p. 199-201)

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Luther's Explanation to The Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

**HYMN 172:1-4 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns Thine only crown.

O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!

Yet, tho' despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

2. Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,  
Tho' mighty worlds shall fear Thee and flee before Thy glance.

How art Thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!

How doth Thy visage languish That once was bright as morn!

3. Now from Thy cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;  
From Thy red lips is banished The splendor that was there.

Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;

Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

4. My burden in Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me,  
For it was my transgression Which bro't this woe on Thee.  
I cast me down before Thee; Wrath were my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!

**SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!**

**Theme:** He Redeemed Me through His Innocent Sufferings and Death.

Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21a

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup>He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you <sup>21</sup>who through Him believe in God.” (NKJV)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 153: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;  
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,  
David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it:  
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,  
Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning,  
Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
None would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly  
Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the Sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation;  
Here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,  
His the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,  
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded  
Who on Him their hope have built.

THE BENEDICTION: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.  
Congr.: **Amen**

### **HYMN 172:8 “What Language Shall I Borrow”**

8. What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

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February 17: Text: Romans 5:12, 18

Theme: He has Redeemed Me, a Lost and Condemned Person

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

Passion Lesson: The Passover (p. 170-172)

Hymns: 140:1,4,5; 369:1,4,5; 163:1-4; 313:1

February 24: Text: Titus 2:13,14

Theme: He Purchased and Won Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Passion Lesson: Lord's Supper Instituted (p. 174-175, 183)

Hymns 351; 153; 158; 558:1-4

March 3: Text: 1 John 1:7-9

Theme: He Set Me Free from All Sin

Responsive Reading: Psalm, 103:1-14

Passion Lesson: Judas Betrays Jesus (p.185-186)

Hymns: 156; 342; 157; 653

March 10: Text: Romans 6:23

Theme: He Saved Me from Death

Responsive Reading: Psalm 73:21-26

Passion Lesson: Peter's Denial (p.189-190)

Hymns: 149; 143:1-5; 151:1,2,6,7; 551:1,2

March 17: Text: Genesis 3:15

Theme: He Saved Me from the Devil's Power

Responsive Reading: Psalm 2

Passion Lesson: Trial Before Herod, Barabbas (p.192-194)

Hymns: 145; 141; 159; 552: 1,6,8

March 24: Text: 1 John 3:1

Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Passion Lesson: Jesus Is Crucified (p.195-197)

Hymns: 155; 154; 353:1-3,6 554:1,5,6

April 1: Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Theme: He Gave His Body and Blood for Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Passion Lesson: Dying Thief, Three Dark Hours (p. 198-199)

Hymns: 149; 157:1-4; 163:1-4; 173:1

April 2: Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21a

Theme: He Redeemed Me Through His Innocent Sufferings and Death!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:1-19

Passion Lesson: Jesus' Death and Burial (p.199-201)

Hymns: 171:1,2,4,6; 172:1-4; 153; 172:8