

Meditations for Holy Week

The 6th – 8th of April 2020 A.D.

*I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.*

Psalm 77:11-15

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Holy Monday

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 36:5–10; antiphon v. 9



⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,*
your faithfulness | to the clouds.
⁶Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, | O LORD.
⁷How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!*
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.
⁸They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
⁹For with you is the foun- | tain of life;*
in your light do | we see light.
¹⁰Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who | know you,*
and your righteousness to the up- | right of heart!

Collect of the Day for Holy Monday

Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:5–10

[after the reading]

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 35:23, 3



Awake and rouse yourself for my vindi- | cation,*
for my cause, my God | and my Lord!
Draw the spear and javelin against my pur- | suers!*

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21–24

[after the reading]

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:1–43

[after the reading]

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Hymn of the Day: 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Meditation

The Glory of God Is to Conceal

Collect for Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

Apostolic Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

Hymn: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Holy Tuesday

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 54; antiphon v. 4



- ¹O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.
- ²O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- ³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.
- ⁴Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
- ⁵He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.
- ⁶With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice to you;*
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for | it is good.
- ⁷For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

Collect of the Day for Holy Tuesday

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 11:18–20

[after the reading]

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 35:13a, 1a, 2b



But I wore | sackcloth;*
I afflicted myself with | fasting.
Contend, O LORD, with those who con- | tend with me;*
and rise | for my help!

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:12–14

[after the reading]

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 14–15

[after the reading]

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: 453 Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

- 5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to You forever,
I am no longer mine.
To You I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to You resign.
- 7 Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.

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Meditation

Christ Forsaken by God

Collect for Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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Holy Wednesday

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 70; antiphon v. 5



¹Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

²Let them be put to shame and confusion

who | seek my life!*

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who de- | sire my hurt!

³Let them turn back because | of their shame*

who say, “A- | ha, Aha!”

⁴May all who seek you

rejoice and be | glad in you!*

May those who love your salvation

say evermore, | “God is great!”

⁵But I am poor and | needy;*

hasten to me, | O God!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O LORD, do | not delay!

Collect of the Day for Holy Wednesday

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 62:11—63:7

[after the reading]

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 69:17, 1–2a



Hide not your face from your servant; for I am | in distress;*

make haste to | answer me.

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up | to my neck.*

I sink in deep mire, where there is no | foothold.

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:5b–7

[after the reading]

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22—23

[after the reading]

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Meditation

The Death of the Son of God

Collect for Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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