



Good
Friday

April 10, 2020 - 7:30 pm

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
203 South Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio
Rev. Paul Reichert, Pastor

Welcome to St. Martin's Lutheran Church ...

Why do we worship on Good Friday? Good Friday emerged historically as preparation for Easter. In its early days, the church did not have a year-long observance in the form of a Church Year, but the church's worship gradually developed into a weekend, every weekend. It remembered the cross on Friday and celebrated the resurrection on Sunday. When they remembered the cross in the light of the resurrection, Christians did not mourn. Death was swallowed up in victory. Fridays were "good" Fridays, "God's" Friday.

The setting for our worship tonight is a bare chancel. At the conclusion of our worship last evening, Maundy Thursday, all adornments to the sanctuary and the altar were removed, preparing us for tonight's worship. Through the ritual of this stripping of the altar, we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. No benediction was given last evening nor will one be given tonight because these Holy Week services are one continuous worship service.

We departed worship last evening in silence and we begin tonight's worship in silence.

As you prepare for worship tonight, you are encouraged to read and meditate on Psalm 22 which can be found on page 19 of tonight's bulletin. The psalm shifts from themes of abandonment, even persecution, to promise and hope. These themes are evident throughout our worship tonight because we do not focus on our personal grief at the death of Jesus, but we focus on the glory of the cross and its message of salvation.

The basis of our worship tonight are the words spoken by Jesus from the cross as recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. Each of the gospels provide a unique perspective of the crucifixion story and it is important to remember that none of these words are all recorded together in the same Gospel. These seven last words/phrases are a compilation of the different accounts of Christ's passion from the gospels and it can remind us of the importance of someone's last words. Think about people you've known who have died. Do you remember the last thing they said to you? Do you remember the last thing you said to them? Sometimes we don't pay much attention to what someone says on a regular day, but we give a lot of weight to what they say on their last day. Which of the "seven last words" of Jesus mean the most to you? Why that one?

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

PRELUDE

“Lamb of God Most Holy”

arr. by D. Cherwein

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

arr. by M. Burkhardt

WELCOME

HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

INVOCATION

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

Amen

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Let us now pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

Almighty and eternal God, we pray this day for the church throughout the world that it may be guided by your Holy Spirit. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring good news of salvation in Christ to all people. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of our churches. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

We pray for the unity of the church. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Keep us united in the fellowship of love so that we may with one voice work in the fullness of faith. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

We pray for those who do not know you, God, so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians. Make us faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

We pray for your creation. Guide us in the use and preservation of your magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

We pray for those who serve in our community and nation. In your goodness, give them wisdom so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and share in the goodness of your creation. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

We pray for those in need, for you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of freedom, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. God of our salvation...

hear our prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

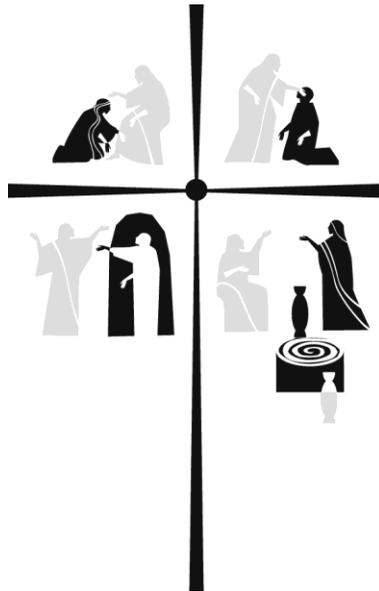
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.



HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

First Word + Forgiveness

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 23:32-38

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read:

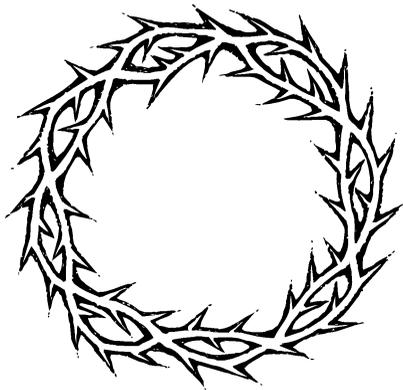
THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

“King of the Jews” the inscription read, a Roman joke meant to taunt, but an inscription that speaks truth beyond the grasp of his executioners.

Truth in a crown of thorns for a king who suffers for his people.

“Father forgive them.” How is it possible to be so hurt, yet so forgiving? So misunderstood and yet so understanding? Where does the strength come to forgive rather than condemn? To bless rather than to curse?

Lord, teach us so to live!



HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

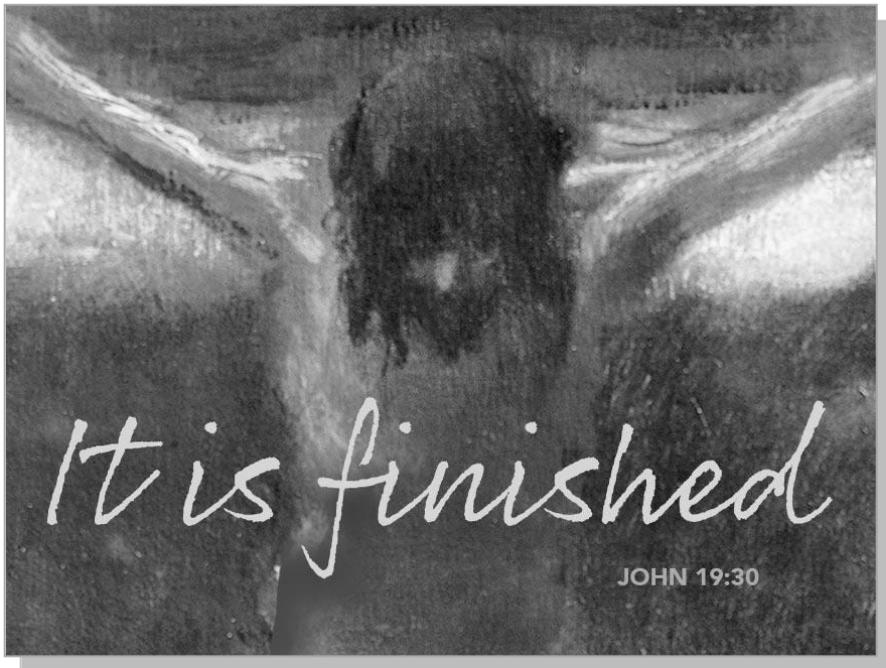
PRAYER

God of mercy, compassion, and healing, you are more willing to forgive than we are to confess. We thank you that you hear us when we pray, that you share our suffering and pain, and that you forgive our sins. As we walk in the way of the cross may we find the way of life and peace. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

First Candle extinguished



Second Word + Promise

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Two criminals were his companions in death, yet not so different than the company he always kept—outcasts and sinners with whom he shared his gift of life.

Two so close in death to the one who opens life.

In the presence of Jesus is hope, life, and peace. “Today you will be with me in paradise.

Lord, teach us so to die.

Please sing multiple times

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, providing a second line of the hymn. It includes the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross so that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching out our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

Second Candle extinguished

Third Word + Love

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

John 19:23-27

²³*When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.*

²⁴*“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”*

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

“They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” ²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*

Watching his executioners gamble for his last earthly possession, Jesus turns his attention to the care of his mother.

The one who gave birth to him in a stable, who cradled him in flight to Egypt, who shared with him in a carpenter’s livelihood.

In his pain, still he feels for another and entrusts to his friend the care of his mother.

No inheritance to give but his love—a priceless treasure.

Lord, teach us so to give.

HYMN

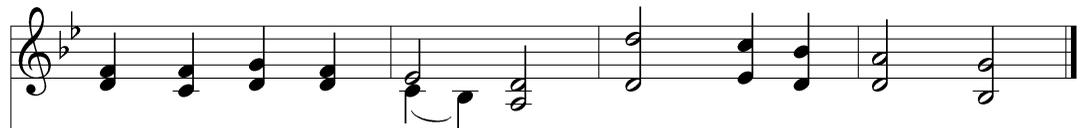
“Ah, Holy Jesus”



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed that mor - tal
 2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? A - las my
 3. For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, your mor - tal



judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ded,
 trea - son, Je - sus, has un - done you. ‘Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sor - row, and your life’s ob - la - tion; your death of an - guish



by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
 and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank you for giving us an example of what it is to be the church, to extend our care and concern further than our own families, through our faith communities and beyond into the world. We praise you for your words and acts of love even as nails pierced your body.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

Third Candle extinguished

Fourth Word + Despair

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Hours of darkness, the weighty silence of God, heaviest on the one doing God’s will.

A dead silence of loneliness, abandonment, pierced by a cry of despair.

“My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus knows what it is to be human. Felt in times of darkness, the sheer agony of the absence of God. Only he can take the full measure of what the absence of God means and cry out against it.

Lord, teach us so to pray.

HYMN

“Give Me Jesus”



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

PRAYER

Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your Word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

Fourth Candle extinguished

Fifth Word + Suffering

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

John 19:28-29

²⁸Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Jesus is not a divine phantom. The suffering is real. He is not untouched by pain and he is not above human suffering.

He is human as we are.

For every suffering one, every hurting one, every victim of terror. For all these he has entered into the human heart of suffering to redeem us there. Lord, teach us to know hurt of others.

Lord, teach us so to be.

Fifth Candle extinguished



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Sixth Word + Completion

John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished."

It is done. A shout of completion. The Word made flesh has spoken, the Father's will is done. Not a sigh of defeat, but a word spoken in achievement.

Lord, teach us so to do.



Were you there when he cried out at the end?



Were you there when he cried out at the end?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when he cried out at the end?

PRAYER

O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant His cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

Sixth Candle extinguished

Seventh Word + Victory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 23:44-47

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. The curtain in the temple was torn in two, the earth shook and rocks were split.

⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

SOLO

“Lamb of God, Most Holy”

*Lamb of God most holy, once on the cross an offering,
Patient, still and lowly, forsaken in your suffering;
Our sins by you were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus.*

ISAIAH 53:4-5

- ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

**Worship ends in silence.
Go in peace.**

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Organist/Pianist - Steve Basselman

Readers – Pastor Paul Reichert, Bill Phelps, MacKenna Whitacre

APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. MARTIN'S

7:00am Easter Vigil Sunrise Service with Pastor Paul

10:00am Festival Service
a time of organ and trumpet music begins worship

Easter Flowers . . . Thank you to those of you who graciously donated flowers for Easter. We will be using the flowers for Easter Sunday worship! After the Facebook Live broadcast, you are invited to come drive-through and pick up your flowers. The flowers will be brought to your car. Someone will be here distributing the flowers until noon. Other arrangements can be made for you to pick up your flowers after Sunday.

APRIL 13 – EASTER MONDAY MUSIC

The tradition of Easter Monday is observed in most European countries, but not in the United States. So, were taking this unique opportunity to continue the celebration of Easter. Steve Basselman will perform some festive organ music through Facebook Live at 7:00pm on April 13 and will later be posted to YouTube.

All events will be broadcast at their scheduled times through Facebook Live and will be posted later to YouTube

Please share these links:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Martins-Lutheran-Church-221017637926372/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdoZ6-tlIO0EPopQhFp4h4A>

Bulletins can be viewed online through the church website:

www.the-welcome-place.org

Scripture from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke & John, New International Version. Liturgical texts for responses by Steve Basselman. Selected Prayers from Evangelical Lutheran Worship ©2006, Augsburg Fortress. *Let us Ever Walk with Jesus*, 17th century text by Sigismund von Birken, text translation ©1978, Lutheran Book of Worship, Augsburg Fortress. *Jesus, Remember Me*, text Luke 23:42, music Jacques Berthier ©1981 Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications. *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* Text: Isaac Watts, Tune: Hugh Wilson. *Ah, Holy Jesus* Text: Johann Jeermann, Tune: Johann Cruger. *Were You There?* Traditional African American Spiritual

PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.