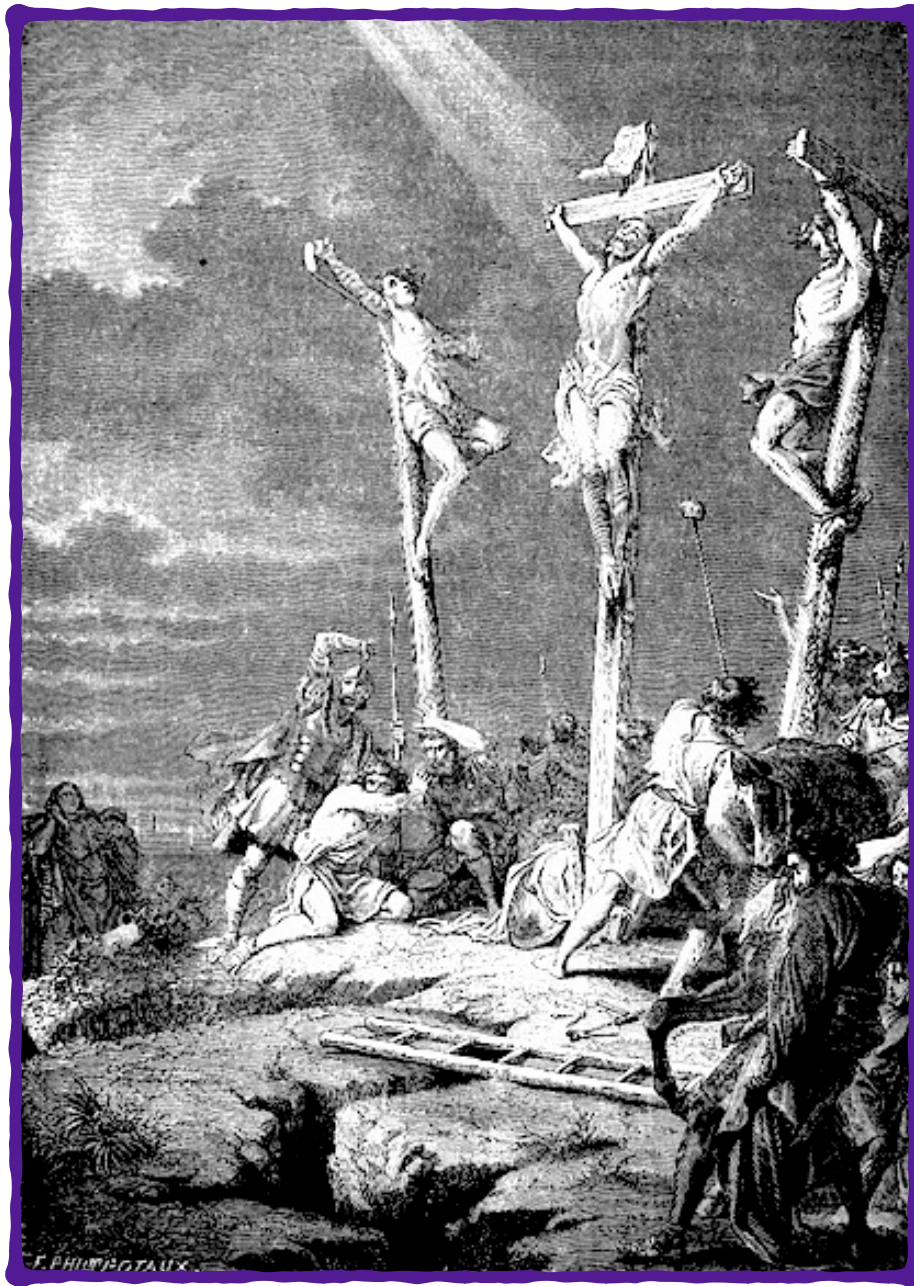


# LENTEN MEDITATION 2023

*“OUR SAVIOR'S SORROWS  
FORESHADOWED IN THE PSALMS”*



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## OPENING PRAYER

O precious Savior, during these forty days of Lent be with us as we follow Your pathway through Your Holy Passion. Open our ears to Your Word. Open our eyes to Your love. Open our hearts to faith. And open our hands to extend Your love to others wherever we may be. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

## HYMN

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

C:  Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C:  Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.


C:  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 Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen**

## THE LESSON

A Reading from the Passion History

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

 **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

(LSB 434)

## THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

C: **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 His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His 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

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**HYMN**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, precious Savior, who went all the way to the cross to redeem us, lost and condemned creatures, graciously look upon us in this Lenten season, and let us find cleansing and healing in Your precious blood. Our transgressions caused You the agony of the Garden. Our sins nailed You to the accursed tree. You were forsaken by Your Father that we might not be forsaken through all eternity. Cause us to see the awfulness of our sins and then the wonder of Your love that would not let us perish. Grant that we may daily ponder the glorious meaning of Your Passion. Let nothing distracting take our thoughts from You. Draw us closer to You that we might find in You forgiveness and peace. Bless this Lenten season in our many Christian congregations. Grant to the pastors grace to proclaim Your glorious Passion with consecrated hearts, that all who hear this message about peace with God through Your cross may love You more and more. Abide with each of our families and let sin have no dominion over us. Beholding Your dying for our transgressions, may we live for You today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

**LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallow be 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C:  Amen

**CLOSING HYMN / SILENT PRAYER**

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He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, **and the Psalms.**"

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be:

The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things."  
(Luke 24:44-48)