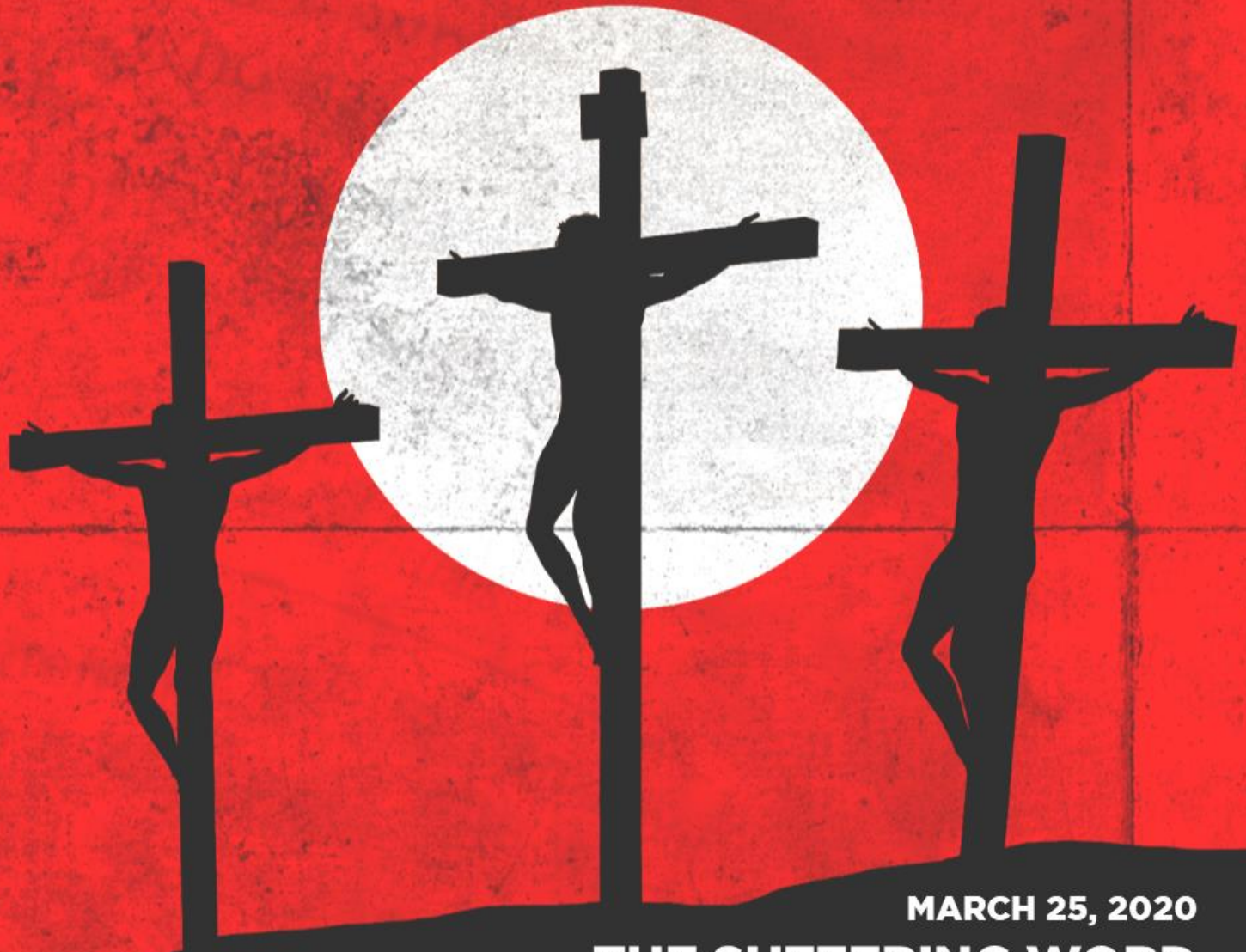


**I THIRST.**

**JOHN 19:26-27**



**MARCH 25, 2020**

**THE SUFFERING WORD**

## MIDWEEK OF LENT FOUR

# THE SUFFERING WORD

The fifth word from the cross is a word of suffering: “I thirst.” This is genuine, human pain, the parched lips of our humanity desiccated by the dry desert of our sin. Do not imagine that Jesus had some special exemption from suffering because He is the Son of God. Quite the contrary! His pain is all our pain combined. “He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.” He is the Sufferer who embodies all suffering, bearing in His own wounded flesh the suffering and sickness of a humanity fallen into decay and death.

*Stand*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** 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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

### ✠ PSALMODY ✠

PSALM

PSALM 103

- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- C** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,
- P** who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- C** who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- P** who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C** The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- P** He made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.

**C The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**P** He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**C He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**C as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

**P** As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**C For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

**P** As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

**C for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.**

**P** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those  
who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,

**C to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.**

**P** The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

**C Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!**

**P** Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!

**C Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

**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.**



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your  
 14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly  
 15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:  
 work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:  
 sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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## ✠ READINGS ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT

### JEREMIAH 31:2–14

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God.”

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

<sup>8</sup>Behold, I will bring them from the North Country  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,  
for I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,  
and they shall languish no more.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,

declares the LORD.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 19:28-29

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY FOR LENT

*LSB 231*

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

## SERMON

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Stand  
HYMN

“WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED”

LSB 429 STS 1-3, 6



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
6 To Christ, who won for sin - ners grace By bit - ter



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, “God is love.” He bears our sins up -  
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
grief and an - guish sore, Be praise from all the



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
ran - somed race For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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Sit  
**OFFERING** Please mail in your offering checks.

✠ PRAYER ✠

Stand  
KYRIE

LSB 233

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 233

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed 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 the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

## COLLECTS

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

### COLLECT

- P** Almighty God, on the night before His crucifixion, Your Son prayed for our protection from the evil one. Keep us in that baptismal name which You bestowed on us at the font, that having been made members of Your one, holy Christian Church, the gates of hell may not prevail against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- C** Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



**BENEDICAMUS**

LSB 234

**P** Let us bless the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**BENEDICTION**

LSB 234

**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**

## “JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING”

LSB 421 STS 1, 4-5



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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