

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

“Access!”



Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace.

In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of *Jesus*.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together  
toward abundant life in Christ.*

## LENT--A TIME OF RENEWAL OF SERVANTHOOD

The word Lent comes from a word that means “spring.” In a real sense this is a spring-time for the soul--a time of evaluation, planting, and nurture. Christians do this through the disciplines of Lent:

**Repentance**--facing honestly the evil in our lives and asking God to cleanse us.

**Prayer**--seeking times for meditation and reflection. Opportunities are given tonight and each Wednesday in this season; take time to listen to God’s Word and seek His intention for your life.

**Self-denial**--symbolically opposing our attraction to the things of this world.

**Works of love**--sharing our freedom in God’s grace with those around us who need our help.

*Maundy Thursday*      “Access!”      (Exodus 24:1–11)

*Good Friday*      “Agnus Dei”      (Exodus 12:1–13)

*Easter*      “Against all Odds!”      (Exodus 15:1–18)

### A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, nor do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represents” Christ’s body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said “Take eat, this is my body” and “Take drink, this is my blood.” We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We, therefore, also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack.



**Theme of the Day:** All too often we don’t have the right connections with the right person at the right time to accomplish all the right things. If we could just obtain access. The good news is that through the blood of Jesus we have unlimited access!

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME, RINGING OF THE BELLS

### INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

*(During the sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 78)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

**C** **Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**

**P** The sea looked and fled,

**C** **The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**

**P** Tremble at the presence of the Lord,

**C** **At the presence of the God of Jacob!**

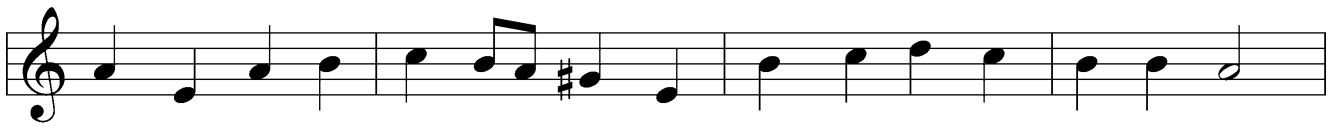
**P** Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

**All:** **The flint into a spring of water.**

### HYMN OF ENTRANCE

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



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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*(Please be seated)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(From selected verses in Romans 7)*

- P Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.
- C I know that nothing good lives in me.**
- P That is, in my sinful nature.
- C I have the desire to do good.**
- P But I cannot carry it out.
- C What I do is not the good I want to do.**
- P No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.
- C I find this law at work**
- P When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
- C In my inner being I delight in Your law.**
- P But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.
- All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*(As you silently confess your sins, you are invited to reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

- P Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free! Tremble at the presence of the Lord.
- C At the presence of the God of Jacob!**
- P Who turns the rock into a pool of water,
- All: The flint into a spring of water!**

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Not All the Blood of Beasts *LSB 431 sts. 1–2, 5*

1. Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.
2. But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.
5. Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding love.

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## Ɽ Service of the Word Ɽ

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament, you have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT ACCESS THROUGH BLOOD

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 24:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. <sup>2</sup>Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.



L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:17–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** Just as I Am, without One Plea

*LSB 570 sts. 1-3,6*

1. Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



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**SERMON** “Access!” (Exodus 24:1–11)

Rev. Gerald R. Menk

## **NICENE CREED**

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**                      *(Based on Romans 5:16 and Hebrews 10:19)*

**P**     Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty Father, we thank and praise You that through Jesus,  
**C**     **We have gained access.**

**P**     Protect Your Church from the temptation to compromise this message of salvation, as well as from the temptation to remain silent, that Your pure Word, passionately proclaimed and guided by the Holy Spirit, may be an occasion for all people to know that through Jesus,  
**C**     **We have gained access by faith.**

**P**     Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God, that with our lips and our lives we declare that,  
**C**     **We have gained access by faith into this grace.**

**P**     Lord, at Your Son's invitation, we come to His table. Help us to discern in the bread His true body and in the cup His true blood. Give us, by Your Holy Spirit, a right judgment of ourselves, that lamenting our sins we would receive pardon and absolution, all because,  
**C**     **We have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.**

**P**     These prayers, and those we silently place before You, we place before You, O God, because  
**All:**   **We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.**

**P**     Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**



## OFFERING

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*For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.*

### HYMN (10:30 AM)

### Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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### SPECIAL MUSIC

(7:00 PM)

Jesus, Greatest At The Table

Vocal Choir

# ⴒ Service of the Sacrament ⴒ

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*LSB 940 st. 1*

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

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THE HOLY  
SACRAMENTS

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

*(Only by the almighty creative Word of God are we able to believe that the blessed sacrament delivers what God promises, the forgiveness for our sins. Mt. 26:28)*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is My T blood in the new testament which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19 LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI

*(Latin term means Lamb of God)*

*John 1:29*

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him distribute the bread and wine to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** When You Woke That Thursday Morning *LSB 445* *(Sung to Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted - LSB 451)*

1. When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.
2. Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher, Washing Your disciples' feet.
3. What was there that You could give them That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them, What last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me, Eat this body, drink this blood."
4. One in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev'ry place and time.
5. One day all the Church will capture That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union Of the Greatest and the least Meet  
in joyous, blest communion In Your never-ending feast.

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1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
2. Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
3. Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
4. They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment  
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a  
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -  
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly  
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.  
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.  
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5. We dare not ask how this can be,  
But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins:  
“Given and shed for all your sins.”
6. They who this word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—  
May we this warning keep in mind!
7. But blest is each believing guest  
Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain  
With all who here His grace obtain.
8. Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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## † The Stripping of The Altar †

*The stripping of the altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldiers’ hands. Psalm 22 speaks about the humiliation and other themes of the Passion.*

*Because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday are seen as one service in three parts, no Benediction is spoken at the end of our Maundy Thursday service.*

### SILENT PRAYER & THE DEPARTURE

*At the conclusion of the Stripping of the Altar, all are invited to pause for prayer before departing.*

**Silent Prayer:** Jesus, I come to You, for You have broken every barrier down. Amen.



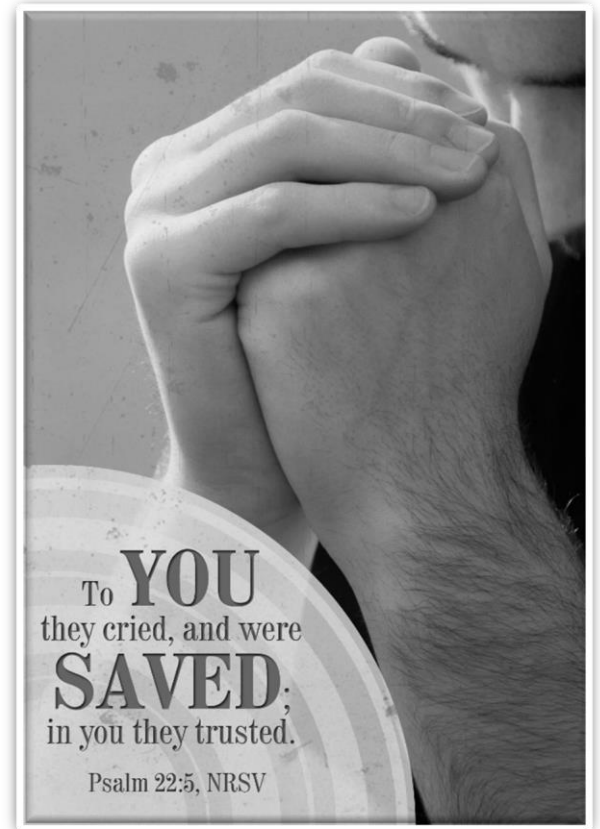
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## PSALM

## Psalm 22

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup> “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you  
made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
- <sup>10</sup> On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been  
my God.
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening 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 is melted within my breast;
- <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you  
lay me in the dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me; they  
have pierced my hands and feet—



17 I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!  
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
24 For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him, but  
has heard, when he cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those  
who seek him shall praise the LORD! May  
your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.  
28 For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
30 Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

