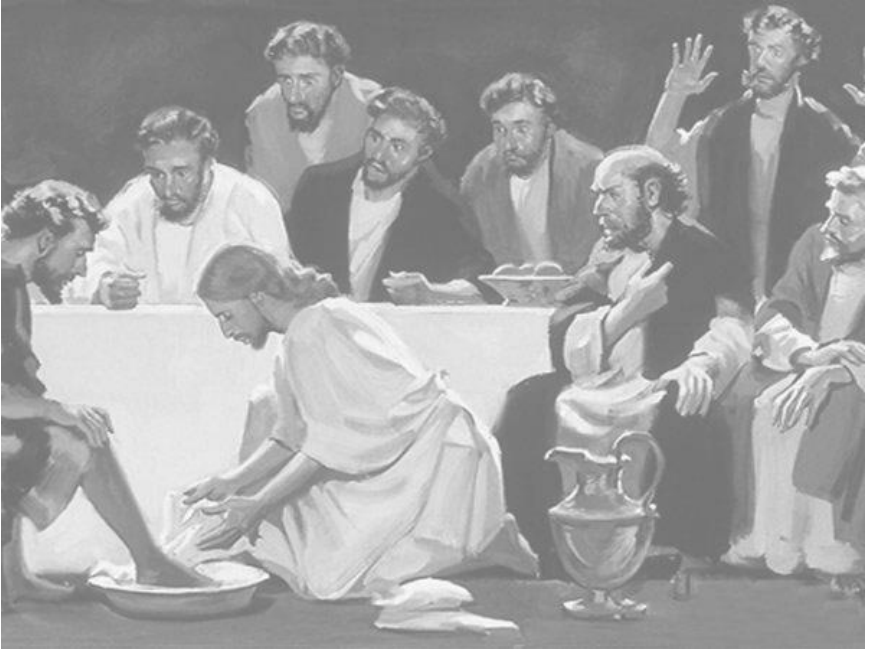


# Psalms



of the Savior's  
Suffering

*“Psalms of the Savior’s Suffering”*

**Invocation**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession of Sins (Psalm 51)**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children.

**C: But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.**

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him

**C: and plead for his mercy:**

♪ **1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed**

**With healing gifts for souls distressed,**

**To find in you my life, my rest,**

**Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)**

P: Be gracious to me, God,

**C: according to your mercy.**

P: Erase my acts of rebellion

**C: according to the greatness of your compassion.**

P: Scrub me clean from my guilt.

**C: Purify me from my sin.**

P: For I admit my rebellious acts.

**C: My sin is always in front of me.**

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned,

**C: and I have done this evil in your eyes.**

P: So you are justified when you sentence me.

**C: You are blameless when you judge.**

P: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born.

**C: I was sinful when my mother conceived me.**

P: Since you desire truth on the inside,

**C: in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom.**

♪ 2 How well you know my griefs and fears  
Your grace abused, my misspent years;  
So now to you with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)

P: Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean.

**C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

P: Let me hear joy and gladness.

**C: Let the bones you have crushed celebrate.**

P: Hide your face from my sins.

**C: Erase all my guilty deeds.**

♪ 3 Wash me and take away each stain;

Let nothing of my sin remain.

For cleansing through your cross and pain,

Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God.

**C: Renew an unwavering spirit within me.**

P: Do not cast me from your presence.

**C: Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

**C: Sustain me with a willing spirit.**

P: I will teach rebels your ways,

**C: and sinners will turn to you.**

P: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, the God who saves me.

**C: My tongue will shout for joy about your righteousness.**

P: Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

P: For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.

**C: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

P: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P: As it pleases you, do good for Zion.

**C: Build up the walls of Jerusalem.**

♪ 4 To pledge my labor willingly,

Which shall so sweet a service be

That angels well might envy me,

Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)

## **Prayer**

P: Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins, obtain your full and gracious pardon, and prove our repentance by our deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn: (by Junior Choir) "O Sacred Head"**

### **Part 1 of the Passion History: Jesus' Readiness to Suffer and Die**

The Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, "You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him. But they said, "Not during the feast, or else there might be a riot among the people."

Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve. He went and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He made a promise and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them when the crowd was not present.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare so that you may eat the Passover?" Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Then a dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.' But not so with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn't it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. And I grant to you a kingdom, even as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

By the time the supper took place, the devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going back to God. So he got up from supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

Peter told him, "You will never – ever – wash my feet!"

Jesus answered, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath does not need to wash anything except his feet to be completely clean. You are clean,

but not all of you." For he knew who was betraying him. This is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You are right because I am. Now if I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example, so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen, I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

He took a cup, gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes. I am not talking about all of you. I know those I have chosen. But this is so that the Scripture may be fulfilled: 'One who eats bread with me has raised his heel against me.' I am telling you this right now before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am he. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whoever receives anyone I send, receives me. And whoever receives me, receives the one who sent me."

### **Confession of Faith**

**All: 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 creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**Hymn: "God, Be Merciful to Me" (sung to the tune of CW, #425)**

**1 God be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea;  
your compassions overflow, blot out my transgressions now;  
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**2 My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face;  
I confess your judgment just, speechless, in your mercy trust.**

**3 I am evil, born in sin; you desire all trust within.  
You alone my Savior are, teach your wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, your grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.**

**4 Broken, humbled to the dust by your wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice;  
From my sins, O hide your face, blot them out in boundless grace.**

**Sermon Text: Psalm 51:1-3; 7-12**

<sup>1</sup>Be gracious to me, God,  
**according to your mercy.**

Erase my acts of rebellion  
**according to the greatness of your compassion.**

<sup>2</sup>Scrub me clean from my guilt.  
**Purify me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I admit my rebellious acts.  
**My sin is always in front of me...**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean.  
**Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness.  
**Let the bones you have crushed celebrate.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins.  
**Erase all my guilty deeds.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God.  
**Renew an unwavering spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence.  
**Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation.  
**Sustain me with a willing spirit.**

*Wash Away All My Iniquity*  
*I. For I confess my guilt*  
*II. But I trust God's grace*  
*III. And I long for godliness*

## **Our Response to God's Word**

**♪ 5 Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
Let me not abandoned be, let your Spirit dwell in me;  
Your salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.**

## **Offering**

### **Prayer**

P: Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before you in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts and desires, words and actions that nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only your wrath and punishment. Yet you reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but as a God of mercy and love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness, and in response to your gracious invitation, we come pleading for your forgiveness.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us for your holy name's sake.**

P: You have revealed your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. You sent him into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment he endured should have been ours. Help us understand that in unfathomable love he suffered and died for us.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.**

P: God of grace and mercy, may your Spirit continue to be with us as we walk the way to the cross. As we contemplate the history of our Savior's passion, build us up in our most holy faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve you by reflecting your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all you lived and died to save may join us in fellowship now and in your presence forever.

**C: We offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves, in body and spirit to you Lord God. Hear us, according to your promise, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

**The Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died for the sins of the world so that all who believe may live forever in the glory of heaven. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and joy their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (*Tune: CW, #798*)

<p>♩ 1 "Sing, "Holy, holy, holy          Lord God of hosts on high,          Your everlasting glory          Fills earth and sea and sky."          Our voices cry, "Hosanna!"          Lord, hear our humble plea:          In mercy, come and save us;          In love, come set us free.</p>	<p>2 Hosanna in the highest!          How blest is Christ our King,          Who died as our Redeemer,          Eternal life to bring!          How blest are you Lord Jesus,          Now coming in God's name!          "Hosanna in the highest!"          Our grateful hearts proclaim.</p>
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**Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his

disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**Lamb of God** (*Tune: CW, #798*)

♪ 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

#### Distribution

1<sup>st</sup> Distribution Hymn: #814 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

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.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Distribution Hymn: #420 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

1 Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;  
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

2 Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,  
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.

4 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,  
Let your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won By your holy passion.  
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!

5 Grant that I your passion view With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to you By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

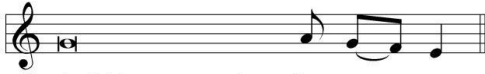
6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above Sing your praise forever.

## Thanksgiving

**Song of Simeon** (*Tune: CW, #798*)

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace assured:  
For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word—  
A light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Closing Hymn: #405 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"**  
On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Have no pow'r to hide your face.  
This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation.



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