

# Lenten Reading Plan 2018

## 40 Hymn Stanzas and Scripture Readings

### WEEK OF ASH WEDNESDAY: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" (LSB 419)

#### WED, FEB 14:

Stanza 1,  
Luke 18:9-14

Savior, when in dust to Thee  
Low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies  
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all Thy pains and woe  
Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from Thy throne on high,  
Hear our penitential cry!

#### THU, FEB 15:

Stanza 2,  
Matthew 4:1-11

By Thy helpless infant years,  
By Thy life of want and tears,  
By Thy days of deep distress  
In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour  
Of the insulting tempter's pow'r,  
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;  
Hear our penitential cry!

#### FRI, FEB 16:

Stanza 3,  
Luke 23:32-39

By Thine hour of dire despair,  
By Thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies  
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh;  
Hear our penitential cry!

#### SAT, FEB 17:

Stanza 4,  
John 19:41-42

By Thy deep expiring groan,  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored,  
Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Bending from Thy throne on high,  
Hear our penitential cry!





**FIRST WEEK IN LENT:  
“O Love, How Deep” (LSB 544)**

**SUN, FEB 18:**

Stanza 1,  
Philippians 2:5–8

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!*

**MON, FEB 19:**

Stanza 2,  
Hebrews 2:9–10, 14–18

*He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.*

**TUE, FEB 20:**

Stanza 3,  
Mark 1:9–11

*For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.*

**WED, FEB 21:**

Stanza 4,  
John 17:20–26

*For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.*

**THU, FEB 22:**

Stanza 5,  
John 19:28–30

*For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.*

**FRI, FEB 23:**

Stanza 6,  
John 14:16–17

*For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

**SAT, FEB 24:**

Stanza 7,  
Ephesians 3:17–21

*All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.*

**SECOND WEEK IN LENT:  
“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (LSB 420)**

**SUN, FEB 25:**

Stanza 1,  
Isaiah 53:4-6

*Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

**WED, FEB 28:**

Stanza 4,  
1 Corinthians  
15:54-58

*Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.  
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me  
And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

**MON, FEB 26:**

Stanza 2,  
Mark 15:22-32

*Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

**THU, MAR 1:**

Stanza 5,  
Psalm 27

*Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

**TUE, FEB 27:**

Stanza 3,  
Galatians 3:10-14

*Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

**FRI, MAR 2:**

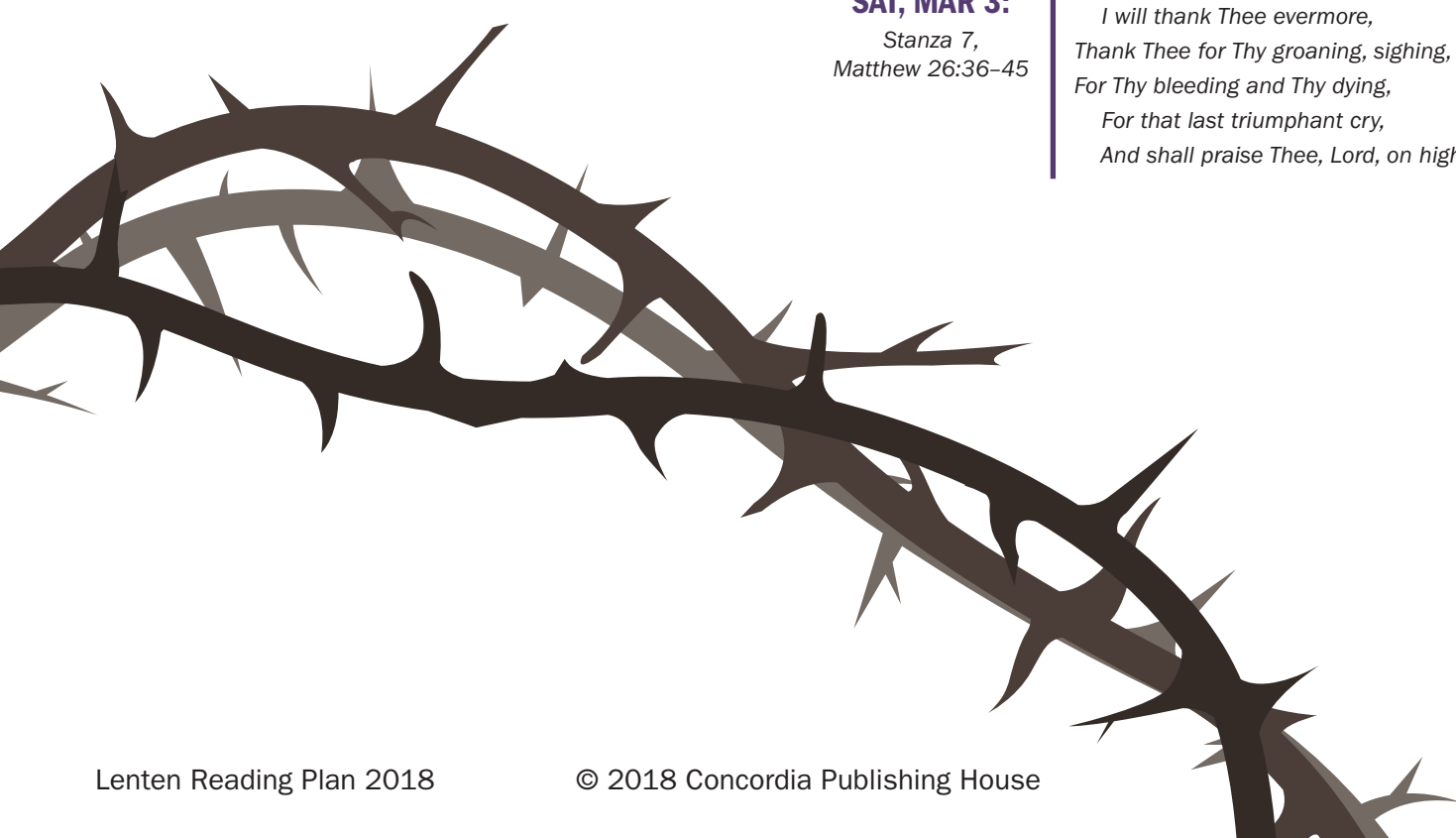
Stanza 6,  
Matthew 27:33-46

*Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

**SAT, MAR 3:**

Stanza 7,  
Matthew 26:36-45

*Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.*





**THIRD WEEK IN LENT:  
“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” (LSB 609)**

**SUN, MAR 4:**

Stanza 1,  
1 Thessalonians 4:13

*Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**MON, MAR 5:**

Stanza 2,  
Luke 5:29–32

*We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**TUE, MAR 6:**

Stanza 3,  
Luke 15:4–7

*Sheep that from the fold did stray  
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**WED, MAR 7:**

Stanza 4,  
1 Timothy 1:15–16

*I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**THU, MAR 8:**

Stanza 5,  
Isaiah 1:18

*Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**FRI, MAR 9:**

Stanza 6,  
Revelation 7:9–17

*Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**SAT, MAR 10:**

Stanza 7,  
Matthew 9:13b

*Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**FOURTH WEEK IN LENT:  
“Salvation unto Us Has Come” (LSB 555)**

**SUN, MAR 11:**

Stanza 1,  
Romans 3:21–26

Salvation unto us has come  
By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.

**WED, MAR 14:**

Stanza 6,  
1 John 2:1–2

Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

**MON, MAR 12:**

Stanza 2,  
Psalm 51

What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.

**THU, MAR 15:**

Stanza 7,  
Matthew 11:28–30

Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

**TUE, MAR 13:**

Stanza 5,  
Romans 3:11–20

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

**FRI, MAR 16:**

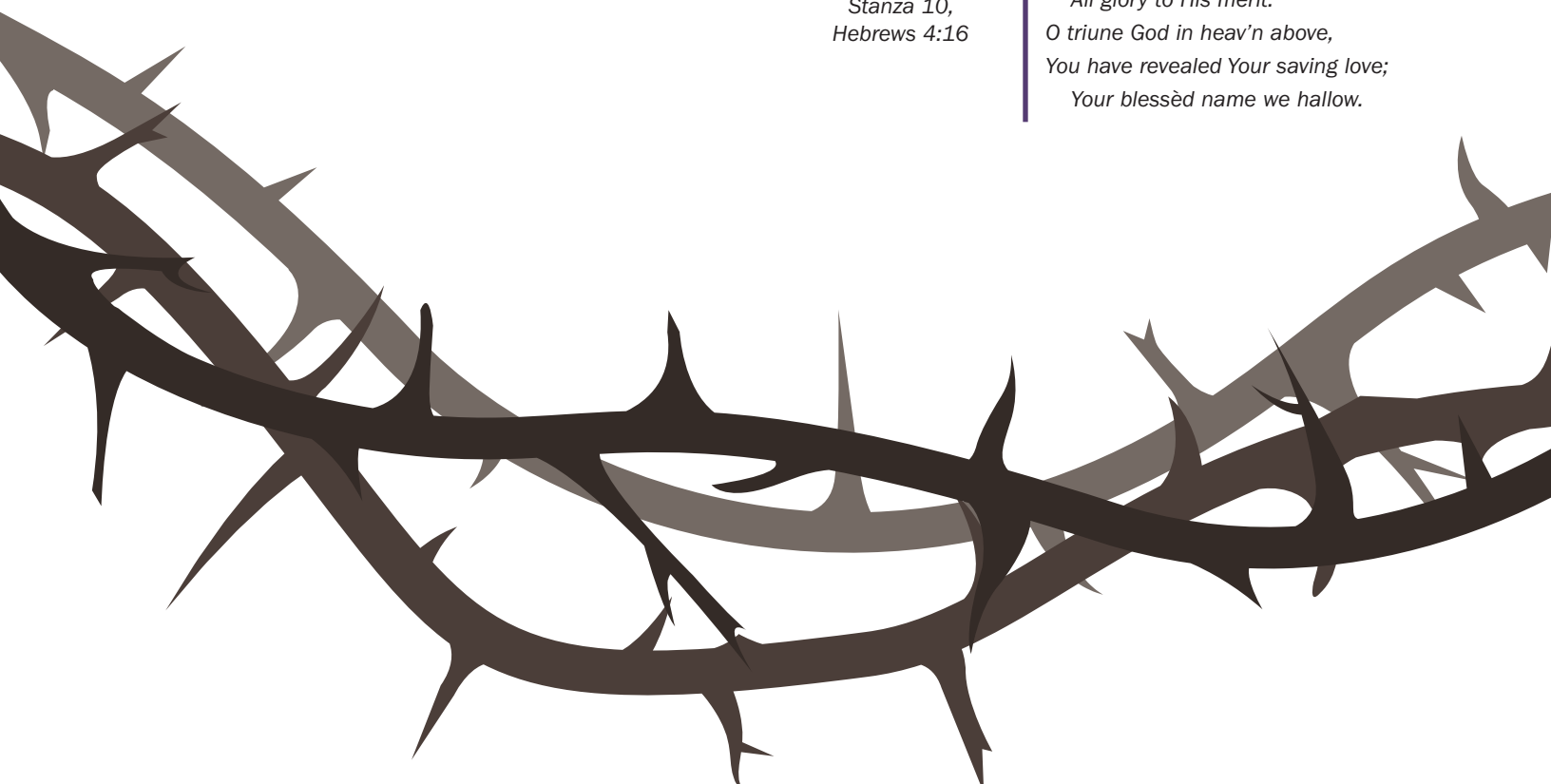
Stanza 9,  
Ephesians 2:8–10

Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

**SAT, MAR 17:**

Stanza 10,  
Hebrews 4:16

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav’n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessèd name we hallow.



**FIFTH WEEK IN LENT:  
“My Song Is Love Unknown” (LSB 430)**

**SUN, MAR 18:**

Stanza 1,  
Romans 5:6–10

*My song is love unknown,  
My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?*

**WED, MAR 21:**

Stanza 4,  
Isaiah 35:4–6

*Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
And ’gainst Him rise.*

**MON, MAR 19:**

Stanza 2,  
Psalm 22

*He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!*

**THU, MAR 22:**

Stanza 5,  
John 10:17–18

*They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suff’ring goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.*

**TUE, MAR 20:**

Stanza 3,  
Matthew 21:8–9

*Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!”  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.*

**FRI, MAR 23:**

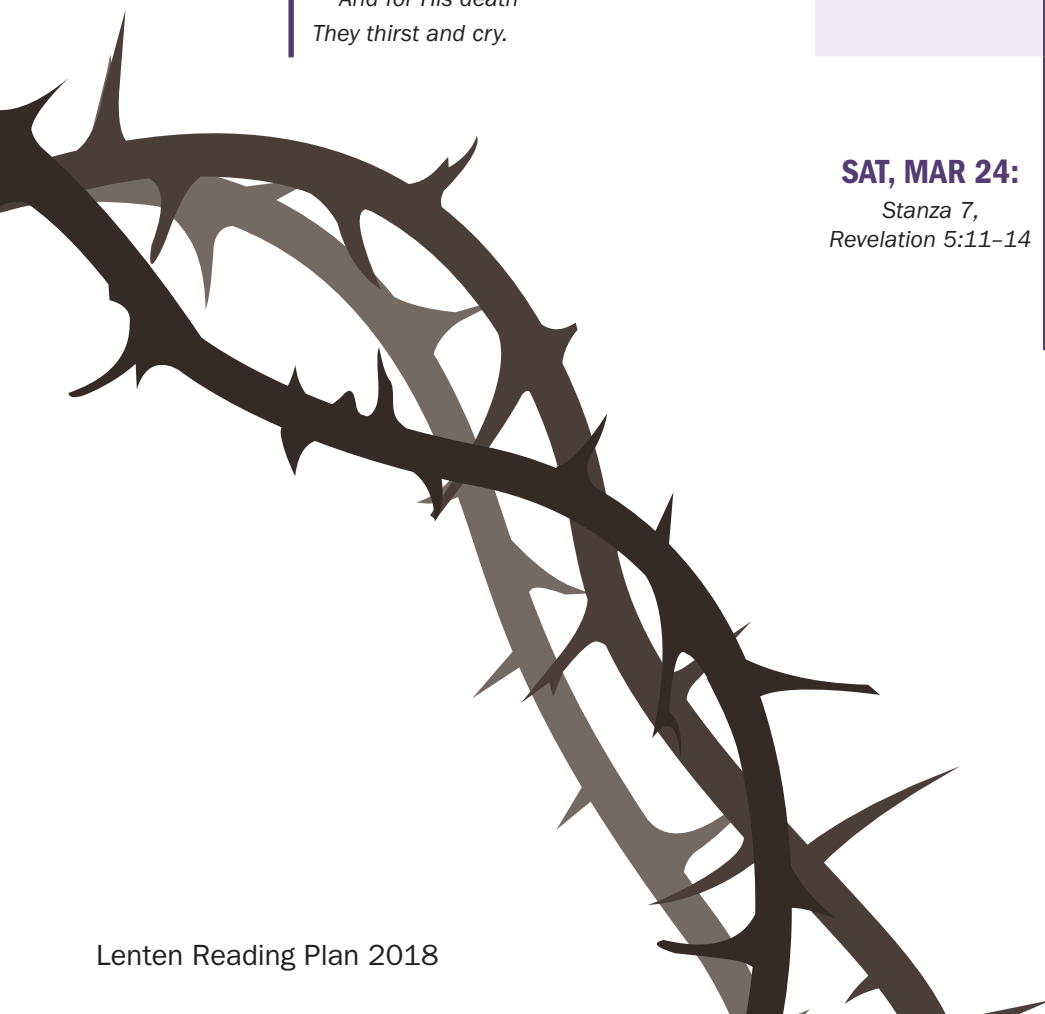
Stanza 6,  
Mark 15:43–46

*In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav’n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.*

**SAT, MAR 24:**

Stanza 7,  
Revelation 5:11–14

*Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!*



**PALM SUNDAY:**

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (LSB 443)**

**SUN, MAR 25:**

Stanza 3,  
Luke 18:15–17

*“Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!*

**HOLY THURSDAY:**

**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (LSB 621)**

**THU, MAR 29:**

Stanza 2,  
1 Corinthians 11:23–26

*King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav’nly food.*

**MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK:**

**“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (LSB 434)**

**MON, MAR 26:**

Stanza 1,  
John 1:29, 35–36

*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!*

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

**“Upon the Cross Extended” (LSB 453)**

**FRI, MAR 30:**

Stanza 1,  
1 Peter 2:21–24

*Upon the cross extended  
See, world, your Lord suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself has freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter  
death.*

**TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK:**

**“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (LSB 434)**

**TUE, MAR 27:**

Stanza 2,  
Isaiah 53:6–7

*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!*

**HOLY SATURDAY:**

**“O Perfect Life of Love” (LSB 452)**

**SAT, MAR 31:**

Stanza 2,  
Luke 18:31–33

*No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.*

**WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK:**

**“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (LSB 434)**

**WED, MAR 28:**

Stanza 3,  
1 Peter 1:18–19

*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:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O  
Jesus!*

