

# *Monday of Holy Week*

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## *April 6, 2020*

***O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. When Jesus saw Jerusalem, he wept over it. If only we had known the way to peace!***

### **Hymn**

***"What Wonderous Love is This"***

### ***Psalm 145***

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving towards all he has made. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

### ***Scripture Reading***

***Isaiah 42:1-9***

### ***Thanksgiving and Intercession***

Satisfy us with your love in the morning, and we will live this day in joy and praise. Eternal God, give us such grace and generosity that this day we may bring your love and peace and joy to the lonely, the troubled, the grieving. Help us by your Spirit to recognize your presence with us throughout the day, that we may do what is good in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

### ***Meditation and Reflection on his precious word***

*Let us each day walk through the sufferings of Christ. Christ said very little when he was betrayed. He did not attempt to defend himself, but "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" Phil 2:8*

***"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" Luke 23:34***

Even in the midst of his own suffering, Christ offered prayers for his tormentors, aware they were unknowingly fulfilling Scripture (Psalm 22:18-19). Christ offers forgiveness even in his own pain.

**Open our hearts to offer forgiveness when we are wronged.**