

# Wednesday of Holy Week

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## April 8, 2020

***O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Jesus said: Soon it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be  
handed over to be crucified***

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 70*

**Hymn**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**Scripture Reading**

*John 13:21-32*

**Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*Lord, as daylight fills the sky, fill us with your holy light. May our lives mirror your great love. Your wisdom has brought us into being, and your care guides us on the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

**"Woman, behold, your son....Behold, your mother: John 19:26-27**

Christ sees his mother, Mary, at the foot of the cross. He presents John the beloved disciple as her son, and to John, Mary as his mother. By this time, Mary was most likely a widow. Christ, as Mary's firstborn son, was legally responsible for providing food and shelter for her. His death would have left her vulnerable, financially and emotionally. Some of Christ's last words are to care for his mother.

***Move us to compassion to see the needs of others.***

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By Shemaiah Gonzalez, "Guided meditation on the seven last words of Christ" *The Catholic Sun*, April 3, 2019

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*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868

Music: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881