

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## In View of God's Mercy



## Week 2: Mercy in Suffering

## **In View of God's Mercy: Mercy in Suffering**

*By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

ख्रीष्टले हाम्रा पापहरू आफ्नो शरीरमा क्रूसमा बोक्नु भयो। उहाँले यसो गर्नुभयो ताकि हामी पापको निम्ति मरेर धार्मिकताको निम्ति अनि जे उचित छ त्यसका निम्ति बाँचौं। उहाँको चोटहरूले तिमीहरू निको पारियो। 1 पत्रुस 2:24

### **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**Amen.**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Be not far from me, for trouble is near.**

समस्या नजिकै छ, मेरो नजिक रहनुहोस्

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**Be not far from me, for trouble is near.**

समस्या नजिकै छ, मेरो नजिक रहनुहोस्

O my God, I cry by day and by night, but I find no rest.

**Be not far from me, for trouble is near.**

समस्या नजिकै छ, मेरो नजिक रहनुहोस्

Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog.

**O you my help, come quickly to my aid. मलाई सहयोग गर**

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen.

**O you my help, come quickly to my aid. मलाई सहयोग गर**

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.

**O you my help, come quickly to my aid. मलाई सहयोग गर**

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him.

**But God has heard when we cried to him. भगवानले मलाई**

**सुन्नुभएको छ**

**Amen.**

**HYMN Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted LSB 451**

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,**

**See Him dying on the tree!**

**'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;**

**Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!**

**'Tis the long-expected Prophet,**

**David's Son, yet David's Lord;**

**Proofs I see sufficient of it:**

**'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,**

**Was there ever grief like His?**

**Friends through fear His cause disowning,**

**Foes insulting His distress;**

**Many hands were raised to wound Him,**

**None would interpose to save;**

**But the deepest stroke that pierced Him**

**Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly**

**Nor suppose the evil great**

**Here may view its nature rightly,**

**Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation,  
Here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,  
His the name of which we boast:  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,  
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded  
Who on Him their hope have built.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord” (Numbers 21:7).

मानिसहरू आएर मोशासँग भने, “हामी जान्दछौं परमप्रभु र तपाईंको विरोधमा बोलेर हामीले पाप गर्यौं। परमप्रभुसित प्रार्थना गरेर यी सर्पहरू फर्काउन लगाईदिनु होस्।” यसकारण मोशाले मानिसहरूको निम्ति प्रार्थना गरे। (गन्ती 21:7).

We likewise confess to God that we have often spoken against him and have sinned.

**Holy God, we confess our sin to you. When adversity and suffering have come our way, we have complained and spoken against you. We have forgotten your many benefits and blessings to us. We have not trusted you through the hard times, but have resented you and resorted to our own strength. Forgive our iniquity, and pardon our sin.**

We cry to you for mercy.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## ***Parmeshur le kripa garun*** परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)*

Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

“मोशाले मरुभूमिमा सर्पलाई उठाउनु भयो। मानिसको पुत्रसँग पनि त्यस्तै छ। मानिसको पुत्र पनि उचालिनु पर्छ। त्यसर्थ उहाँमाथि विश्वास गर्ने प्रत्येकले अनन्त जीवन पाउनेछ।” (यूहन्ना 3:14-15).

In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sin and gives you eternal life. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage we do so in view of your mercy. We encounter many hardships and much suffering in life. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we may trust you through the trials and take up the cross to follow you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Numbers 21:4-9** गन्ती  
21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

<sup>4</sup> इस्राएली मानिसहरू होर पर्वत छोडेर लाल समुद्र जाने बाटोमा हिड्न लागे। तिनीहरूले एदोम देश वरिपरि जानलाई त्यो बाटो गए। तर मानिसहरू धैर्यहीन भईसकेका थिए। <sup>5</sup> मानिसहरूले परमेश्वर र मोशाको विरोधमा कुरा गरे। तिनीहरूले भने, “यो मरुभूमिमा मर्नुको निमित्त किन हामीलाई मिश्र देशबाट ल्याइयो? कारण यहाँ न त पानी छ न रोटी। तुच्छ खाना अथवा रोटी खाँदा-खाँदा वाक्क भई सक्यो।” <sup>6</sup> यसर्थ परमप्रभुले मानिसहरूको माझमा विषालु सर्पहरू पठाईदिनुभयो र तिनीहरूले धेरै मानिसहरूलाई डसेर मार्यो। यसरी इस्राएलको धेरै मानिसहरू मरे। <sup>7</sup> मानिसहरू आएर मोशासँग भने, “हामी जान्दछौं परमप्रभु र तपाईंको विरोधमा बोलेर हामीले पाप गर्यौं। परमप्रभुसित प्रार्थना गरेर यी सर्पहरू फर्काउन लगाईदिनु होस्।” यसकारण मोशाले मानिसहरूको निमित्त प्रार्थना गरे। <sup>8</sup> परमप्रभुले मोशालाई भन्नुभयो, “काँसाको एउटा सर्प बनाऊ र खम्बा माथि राख। सर्पबाट डसिएको कुनै व्यक्तिले त्यो खम्बामाथि राखिएको काँसाको सर्पलाई हेर्छ त्यो मर्ने छैन।” <sup>9</sup> यसकारण मोशाले

परमप्रभुको आज्ञा मानी एउटा काँसाको सर्प बनाई खम्बामाथि राखे। त्यसपछि जब कुनै व्यक्तिलाई सर्पले टोके उसले त्यो खम्बा माथि राखिएको काँसाको सर्पलाई हेर्थ्यो र त्यो बाँच्छ्यो।

**EPISTLE READING ... 1 Peter 2:21-25 1 पत्रुस 2:21-25**  
For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

<sup>21</sup> तिमीहरूलाई त्यसैको निम्ति बोलाइएको हो। ख्रीष्टले अनुशरण गर्न भनी उदाहरण दिनु भएकोछ। तिमीहरूले उहाँको ठीक अनुशरण गर्नुपर्छ कारण तिमीहरूको निम्ति ख्रीष्टले कष्ट भोग्नु भयो तिमीहरूले पनि त्यस्तै गरः <sup>22</sup> “उनले पाप गरेनन्, अनि उहाँको मुखमा कुनै छलको कुरो पाइएन।” <sup>23</sup> मानिसहरूले ख्रीष्ट प्रति नराम्रा कुराहरू भने, तर उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई नराम्रो भन्नु भएन। ख्रीष्टले यातना भोग्नु भयो तर उहाँले मानिसहरूलाई भय देखाउनु भएन। अहं! ख्रीष्टले आफूलाई परमेश्वरमा सुम्पनु भयो जसले सहो न्याय गर्नुहुन्छ। <sup>24</sup> ख्रीष्टले हाम्रा पापहरू आफ्नो शरीरमा क्रूसमा बोक्नु भयो। उहाँले यसो गर्नुभयो ताकि हामी पापको निम्ति मरेर धार्मिकताको निम्ति अनि जे उचित छ त्यसका निम्ति बाँचौं। उहाँको चोटहरूले तिमीहरू निको पारियो। <sup>25</sup> तिमीहरू भेंडा जस्तै छौं जो भूल मार्गतिर लागेका छन। तर अहिले तिमीहरू गोठाला अनि तिमीहरूका प्राणको रक्षक तर्फ फर्कि आएकाछौ।

**GOSPEL READING ... Matthew 8:14-17 मत्ती 8:14-17**

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

<sup>14</sup> येशू पत्रुसको घरमा जानुभयो। त्यहाँ येशूले उसकी सासूलाई कड़ा ज्वरोले थलिएर पलङ्गमा लडिरहेको पाउनु भयो। <sup>15</sup> तब येशूले तिनको हात छुनुभयो तिनी निको भइन्। अनि तिनी उठिन् र उहाँको ससार गरिन्। <sup>16</sup> त्यसै साँझ मानिसहरूले भूत लागेका धेरै जनालाई लिएर येशूकहाँ आए। येशूले भूतहरूलाई खेदनु भयो। जो-जो बिमारी परेका थिए ती सबै ठीक भए। <sup>17</sup> यशैया अगमवक्ताले भनेका सबै कुरा येशूले पूरा गर्नुभयो: "उहाँले हाम्रा यातनाहरू हटाइदिनु भयो, अनि हाम्रा रोगहरू उहाँले बोक्नुभयो।"

**HYMN Kyrie - II (Lord, Have Mercy) LSB 944**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

***Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

**SERMON**

**OFFERING Solo: Mercy**

**PRAYERS**



Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who struggle with hardships and suffer with pain.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we encounter the brokenness of this world and the suffering that it brings—such as natural disasters, economic reversals and financial losses—restore us with your healing power so that we might rest secure in you as our mighty fortress.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we experience broken relationships and the suffering that these bring—such as estrangement of family members, alienation from friends and conflict within congregations—restore us with your healing power so that we might seek reconciliation and peace.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we experience broken bodies and the suffering that it brings—such as illness, injury and disability—restore us with your healing power so that we might live in health once again.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we experience broken minds and the suffering that it brings—such as with mental illness, neurosis and dementia—restore us with your healing power so that we might know of your love.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we experience broken spirits and the suffering that it brings—such as depression, despair and desperation—restore us with your healing power so that we might have hope.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we encounter the death of loved ones and the sorrow that it brings, restore us with your abiding comfort so that we might trust in your victory over death.

**Lord, have mercy. *Parmeshur le kripa garun* परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन**

When we encounter our own death and the terror that it brings, restore us with your resurrection power so that we might live eternally in your glory.

**Lord, grant me your grace to trust you in times of suffering and sorrow.**

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus the Suffering Servant.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Said together with Nepalese)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

प्रभु को प्रार्थना

‘हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुने पिता,

तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र रहोस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,

तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा झैं यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।  
 आज दिनभरिको भोजन हामीलाई दिनुहोस्।  
 हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गरिदिनुहोस्।  
 जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।  
 हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,  
 तर हामीलाई दुष्टहरूबाट बचाउनु होस्।'   
 किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम सदासर्बदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमेन।

## BENEDICTION

May the merciful God, who suffered the pain of the cross for you and your salvation, strengthen you to trust him through hardship according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever!

**Amen.**

**SONG** Mamaa Shuddha Ridaye Srijnos (Create In Me A Clean Heart) - Sung by the Nepalese

ममा शुद्ध हृदय सृजनोस्, प्रभु  
 सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्  
 ममा शुद्ध हृदय सृजनोस्, प्रभु  
 सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्  
 ma-maa shuddha ridai sri-janos, prabhu  
 satye aatmaa punar-jivit paar-nos  
 ma-maa shuddha ridai sri-janos, prabhu  
 satye aatmaa punar-jivit paar-nos

मलाई तपाईंको सामुन्नेबाट  
 ननीकाल्नुहोस्  
 पवित्र आत्मा मबाट नलैजानोस्  
 मुक्तिको उमङ्ग मलाई फेरि दिनुहोस्  
 सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्  
 सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्  
 ma-laai tapaañ-ko saam'nne-baaTa  
 na-nikaal-nuhos,

pavitra aatmaa ma-baaTa na-laijaa-nos  
mukti-ko umañga ma-laai feri dinuhos  
satye aatmaa punar-jivit paarnos  
satye aatmaa punar-jivit paarnos

### **Create in Me a Clean Heart (Sung in English)**

**Create in me a clean heart oh God and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Create in me a clean heart oh God and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.**

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