

For Sunday, March 24:

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom,
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,
feeding you with manna on the way;
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. How are you turning away from the freedom and new start Christ offers you day by day? What is an area of life you are currently in need of such an opportunity?
2. Are there moments when you doubt or neglect God's gifts, perhaps forgetting the sustenance that Christ provides through the Eucharist? How can you cultivate a deeper gratitude and reliance on God's daily provision?

For Monday, March 25:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. In what ways have you ignored or resisted the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life, leading instead to paths of judgment or betrayal? What does it actually mean to follow the Spirit's leading, trusting in God's direction even when the path seems uncertain?
2. How does your life reflect the fruitfulness that God intends for the vineyard of your life? In what areas of your life are you producing bitter fruit? What steps can you take to nurture a more fruitful, faithful life in connection with Christ, the true vine?

For Tuesday, March 26:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,

but you gave me vinegar to drink;

I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;

I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. Are there times when you have responded to Christ's generosity with ingratitude or rejection, symbolized by the vinegar? What is God asking from you in response to saving waters and life-giving blood?
2. In what ways do you fail to recognize and honor the authority of Christ in your life? How can you more fully acknowledge and live under his reign, embracing that your eternal life has already begun, and aligning your life with the values of his kingdom?

For Wednesday, March 27:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,
but you opened my side with a spear;
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. In what ways do you notice a spirit of violence or conflict in your life? How can you embody and promote the peace of Christ in your interactions and in the face of opposition?
2. How do you respond to the intimate acts of love and service that Christ has shown you? How can you better receive and reciprocate the humble, serving love that Jesus exemplified?

For Thursday, March 28:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights,

but you lifted me high on a cross;

I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. How does the concept of the tree of life inspire you to cultivate spiritual growth and renewal in your own life? Consider ways in which you can deepen your roots in faith and extend your branches in service to others, embodying the life-giving nourishment and shelter that the tree of life represents.

For Friday, March 29:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. How have you misused or abused your inclusion in God's people, perhaps by assigning blame or guilt to others unjustly? Reflect on the ways you can acknowledge and take responsibility for your own faults and sins without projecting them onto others, honoring the unity and dignity of all within the community of God's people. How can you more authentically live as a member of God's people, promoting unity, understanding, and reconciliation?

For Saturday, March 30:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,

but I was hungry and you gave me no food,

thirsty and you gave me no drink,

a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not clothe me,

sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Questions for reflection:

1. Who are those overlooked or neglected in your community and world for whom you fail to recognize the image of Christ in them? In what ways can you more actively seek and serve Christ in those who are in need?