

2025-03-17 Meditation for Monday in the Second Week of Lent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,
Die sich in Jesu offenbart;
In Jesus present evermore,
Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,
I worship thee, in homage bending,

Op. 96, *Drei Geistliche Lieder*, No. 1 (1840)

Lyrics: Charles Bayles Broadley (c. 1801-1866)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Artists: Southwestern Seminary Chorus, Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra, C. David Keith (dir.)

Angela Cofer, alto

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIjm3m71fek>

Op. 96, No. 1, also published as *Lass, o Herr, mich Hilfe finden*

[Alto soloist:]

Help, O Lord, in mine affliction;
O be gracious to my cry,
For if thou wilt mark transgression,
Nevermore shall I be free.

[Chorus:]

Help, O Lord, in mine affliction;
O be gracious to my cry,
For if thou wilt mark transgression,
Nevermore shall I be free.

[Alto soloist:]

Shall my pain be everlasting?
Shall my foes show scorn for me?
Weak and helpless in my grieving,
Shall I be cast off from thee?

[Chorus:]

Shall my pain be everlasting?

Shall my foes show scorn for me?
Weak and helpless in my grieving,
Shall I be cast off from thee, O Lord, O Lord

[Alto soloist:]

Help, O Lord, in mine affliction;
O be gracious to my cry,

[Chorus and Alto:]

For if thou wilt mark transgression,
Nevermore shall I be free.

[Closing words to our theme song:]

O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,

O! that every sinner would know this,

Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.

His heart must soon surely love You.

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