

2025-03-18 Meditation for Tuesday 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*, Nos 2 and 3 (1843)

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

No. 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5BNMs0QIXU>

No. 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46nRVWNDJKs>

Op. 96, No. 2: also published as *Deines Kinds Gebet enhöre*

[Alto soloist:]

Father, hear thy child's petition;
Look on me in thy great love.
Grant me thine illumination;
Save me from the fearful grave.

For without thee Satan mocks me,
Triumphs in his pride and spite;
Merciless, he overtakes me,
And heaps scorn on all thy might.

[Choir:]

Father, hear thy child's petition;
Look on me in thy great love.
Grant me thine illumination;
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For without thee Satan mocks me,

Triumphs in his pride and spite;
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And heaps scorn on all thy might.

Opus 96, No. 3: also published as *Herr, wir trau'n auf deine Güte*

[Alto soloist:]

Lord, we trust in thy great goodness,
Which redeems us wondrously;
Singing all our songs of gladness,
We in joy give thanks to thee.

[Chorus:]

Lord, we trust in thy great goodness,
Which redeems us wondrously;
Singing all our songs of gladness,
We in joy give thanks to thee.

[Alto soloist:]

Lord, we trust in thy great goodness,
Which redeems us wondrously;
Singing all our songs of gladness,
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[Chorus, the Basses begin the fugue which Mendelssohn thought was the best part:]

Lord, we trust in thy great goodness,
Which redeems us wondrously;

[Alto, then choir:]

Singing all our songs of gladness,
We in joy give thanks to thee.

[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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