

JUDICA, THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

29-March-2020

[PROLOGUE - PREPARATION]

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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Stand
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
G I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

Stand

[THE WORD - INSTRUCTION]

Introit: (Psalm 43:3-5; Antiphon: Psalm 1-2a)

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

Congregation: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;

P: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

**C: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

P: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

(Note: It is traditional to omit the *Glori Patri* on this Sunday)

P: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

C: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Kyrie

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- G** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual: (Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48 a, c)

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! *

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

You delivered me from my | enemies;*

You rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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C Thanks be to God.

The Lutheran Confessions Responsive Reading: The Small Catechism (1529)

(Christian Questions and Answers:)

P: 16. Why should we remember and proclaim His (Jesus') death?

C: First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

P: 17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

C: His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5.

Stand

Tract: (Psalm 129:1-4)

P: “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”— let Israel now say—

**C: “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.**

P: The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.”

C: The LORD is righteous; He has cut the cords of the wicked.

Holy Gospel John 8:46–59

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.*

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

⁴⁶“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles’ Creed

C *I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 *My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?*

2 *He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!*

3 *Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.*

4 *Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And ’gainst Him rise.*

5 *They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff’ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.*

6 *In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.*

7 *Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!*

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Sermon: "Jesus, The Truth On Trial!" John 8:42-59

Votum

- P** *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*
- C** *Amen.*

Stand

Offertory

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- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

[EPILOGUE - Response]

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P** *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

Brief silence

For all the baptized, that we would be led by the light and truth of God's Word to see, with Father Abraham, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, when He went uncomplaining forth to the cross to suffer and die in our place and make atonement for all our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For the men who have been called and ordained to serve Christ's Church in His stead and by His command, that they would be blessed with faithfulness as they carry out all their duties, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For our partner churches around the world with whom we share altar and pulpit fellowship, that they would be kept steadfast in the saving doctrine of the blessed apostles drawn from the Word of God, and that they would be blessed in their endeavors to share that saving doctrine with their communities, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For the gift of family, let us give thanks to the Lord; that the Lord would bless all families, protect them from harm and evil, give them hearts of love for one another, and provide for all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, seeking to promote the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For all who suffer in body and soul, [especially those who have requested our prayers, including _____,] that they would be blessed with patience and strength, and that they would receive healing and restoration in accordance with the Lord's will, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For those who come to the holy hill of the altar today to feast upon the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, that they would approach with reverence and awe and be filled with exceeding joy as they receive the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *For all the saints who have gone before us and now reside in heavenly bliss, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would be kept in the faith and, with them, receive the crown of glory as we enter into the life of the world to come when Christ returns on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C *Amen.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P *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.*

C *For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.*

Prayer

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A *Bless we the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

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P *The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.*

C *Amen, amen, amen.*

598 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

1 *Once in the blest baptismal waters
I put on Christ and made Him mine;
Now numbered with God's sons and daughters,
I share His peace and love divine. Refrain*

ref *O God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Your peace may bless my dying day.*

2 *His body and His blood I've taken
In His blest Supper, feast divine;
Now I shall never be forsaken,
For I am His, and He is mine. Refrain*

3 *And thus I live in God contented
And die without a thought of fear;
My soul has to God's plans consented,
For through His Son my faith is clear. Refrain*

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