

# JUDICA

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 21 March A†D 2021



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MOUNT OLIVE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

✠ Hymns ✠  
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**This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion.** Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me**

### PASSIONTIDE

The final stage in our symbolic journey toward Easter is *Passiontide*. Passiontide begins with Judica, the 5th Sunday in Lent. The crosses are now covered at the conclusion of the Holy Gospel and even the *Gloria Patri* disappears for a while.

A common question is, "Why do we drape and cover the crosses as we get closer to Good Friday, as our attention upon the last hours and the sufferings of Our Lord increases?"

We do this because we do not deserve to look upon them. We are not worthy of the sacrifice. The cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time, that we might better appreciate it when it returns.

The crosses are not taken away completely. They are not removed. They are only covered. We can see outlines of the crosses, but their beauty and details are fuzzy. This symbolizes the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until the Good Friday liturgy and, of course, Easter. Faith always views the cross in the light of the empty tomb.

The veiling also reminds us of Our Lord's actions in response to the violence of the people in the Judica Gospel. There we are told that "Jesus hid Himself." That is why the crucifixes in the sanctuary are veiled during the service, after the reading of the Gospel, and not before.

The idea of removing the *Gloria Patri* is much the same. The Triune name given at the Ascension is the fullest revelation of God's name

given to men. To take away the *Gloria Patri* for two weeks is a bit jarring. It is particularly awkward to not sing it at the end of the *Nunc Dimittis*. But, again, its short-term removal serves to draw attention to it and highlight our privilege for the other fifty weeks of the year.

All of this is that we would learn to mortify the flesh and to depend more and more upon the grace of God in Christ. For never, even in our most somber of ceremonies, is the Church in doubt about the end. Jesus died, but He is not dead. Jesus lives. Easter is coming. Our *Alleluias*, *Gloria Patri*s, crucifixes, fatty foods, and the like shall all return. But even better than that, we shall have them forever in the life of the world to come when our own resurrections occur.

Passiontide extends through Holy Week and the Triduum (“three holy days”—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). At the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service the altar will be stripped, the sanctuary decorations, such as the candelabra, paraments, etc., will be removed. Even the altar crucifix will be carried out. All that will be left in the sanctuary are the pieces of furniture, laid bare. The intensity builds from now until the Easter Vigil when we finally arrive at the empty tomb but not at an empty altar.

### ✠ HOLY WEEK ✠

<b>Sunday, 28 March</b>	<b>Palmarum (Palm Sunday)</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service with Palm Procession
<b>Thursday, 1 April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 pm Divine Service, Stripping of the Altar
<b>Friday, 2 April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 12:00 pm Tre Ore
<b>Saturday, 3 April</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 8:00 pm The Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday, 4 April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b> 9:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Divine Service



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

### ✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

## ☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

### THE INTROIT

PSALM 43:3-5; ANTIPHON: VV. 1-2A



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Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
 and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***  
**For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.**  
 Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*  
 let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!  
**Then I will go to the altar of God,**  
**to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\***  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.**  
 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
 and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

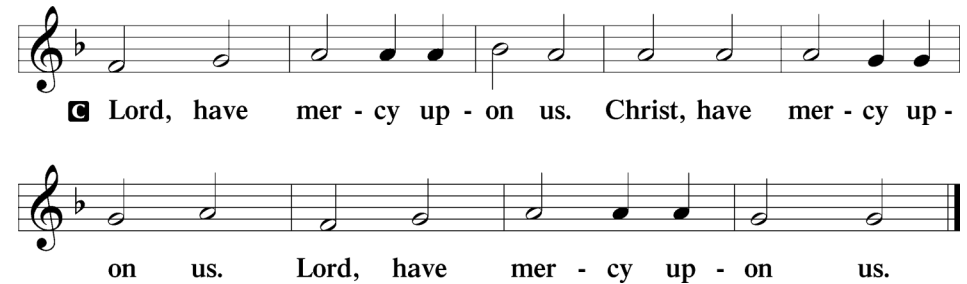
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### THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *is omitted during Lent*

### THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

**Amen.**

*SIT*

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 22:1-14

*In those days,* <sup>1</sup> God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup> He 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.” <sup>3</sup> So 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. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then 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.” <sup>6</sup> And 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. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup> When 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. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup> He 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.” <sup>13</sup> And 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. <sup>14</sup> So 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 143:9A, 10A; 18:48A, 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.**

**THE EPISTLE**

HEBREWS 9:11-15

*Brethren:* <sup>11</sup> But when 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) <sup>12</sup> he 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. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how 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.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

**THE TRACT**

PSALM 129:1-4



“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—\*  
let Israel | now say—

**“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\***  
**yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.**

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*  
they made long their | furrows.”

**The LORD is | righteous;\***

**he has cut the cords of the | wicked.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. JOHN 8:42-59

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

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time,* <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to the Jews, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The 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.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But 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. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen

Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.**

*SIT*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

430 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

THE SERMON

*STAND*

## THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**THE OFFERING** – *Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership: Abiding Savior—wooden; Mount Olive—brass.*

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Litany is used as THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH during Lent.*

**THE LITANY** *(please grab a copy from the bulletin stand at this time if you do not have one; also, please return the copies to the stand after service unless you'd like to take the copy for home devotion use.)*

SIT

## THE HYMN

431 *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

STAND

## THE SERVICE OF

## ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, who on the Tree of the Cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a Tree might be overcome, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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

**THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT**

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**THE PAX DOMINI**

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI**

ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*SIT*

**THE COMMUNION HYMNS**

429 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*

902 *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

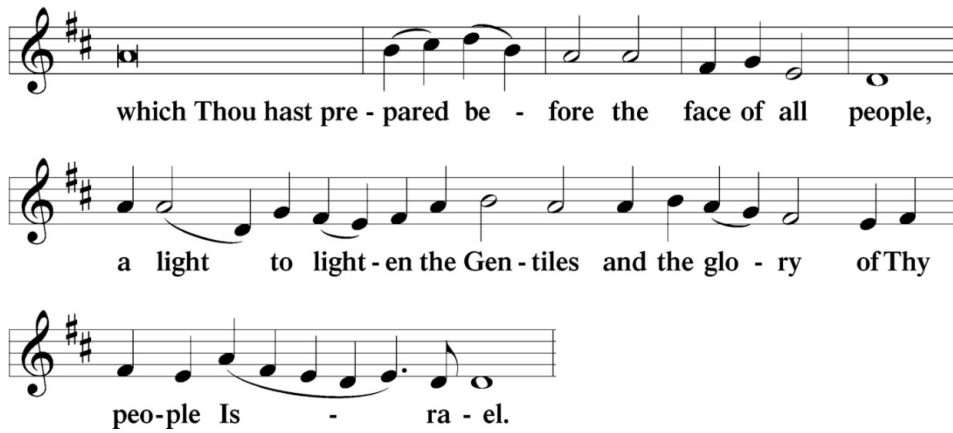
960 *Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old*

*STAND*

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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### THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107: 1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103: 1]

Bless we the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6: 24– 26

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.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.*



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