Judica: Lent V
6 April A+D 2025

"Judica" is from the Latin language. In English it means "Judge (me)."
These are the beginning words of the Introit in Latin this week.
Judica Sunday begins what is called Passiontide (today through Holy Saturday). During this time the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father…) is also omitted at the end of both the Introit and Nunc Dimittis in preparation for the glorias and alleluias to be returned to the Divine Service at Easter.

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Prelude: "Herzliebster Jesu" - Helmut Walcha

Hymn of Invocation: 448 O Darkest Woe

Order of Worship: p. 184 *(responsive liturgy is spoken)*

Introit *Psalm 43:3; antiphon: vv. 1–2a*

Judge | me, O God,*
and plead my cause against an ungodly | nation;
O deliver me from the deceitful and | unjust man,*
for Thou art the God | of my strength.
O, send out Thy light | and Thy truth!*
Let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy | holy hill.
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O deliver me from the deceitful and | unjust man,*
for Thou art the God | of my strength.

Kyrie *p. 186*

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent

Salutation & Collect of the Day *p. 189*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Prophecy *Genesis 22:1-19*

In those days: God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now 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." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the

altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *sts. 1-5*

Epistle *Hebrews 9:11-15*

Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *sts. 6-10*

Stand

Holy Gospel *John 8:46-59a*

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews and the chief priests: "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not

have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

[At this point the crucifixes are veiled, symbolizing Jesus hiding Himself, to be revealed again on Good Friday]

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed
Sit
Hymn of the Day: 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *sts. 11–15*
Sermon
Offering Hymn: 455 The Royal Banners Forward Go
Stand
Offertory *p. 192 ff*
Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** **hear our prayer.**
Preface

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

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Distribution Hymns:
421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing /
420 Christ, the Life of All the Living /
430 My Song Is Love Unknown /
440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now /
625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p. 199 ff (omitting the Gloria Patri)*

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

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

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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.**

Hymn to Depart: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image
Postlude: "O Traurigkeit" - Wilbur Held

Looking forward to Lenten Midweek Vespers V
Lessons: Psalm 43, Leviticus 19:1-2a, 10b-19a, 25b, John 10:22-38
Hymn: 439

Looking Forward to next Sunday (Palmarum/Passion)
Lessons: Luke 19:29-40, Selections from Zechariah, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1—27:66
Hymns: 442-440:1-438-865-441/617/618/619/453/436:1-3-454

Holy Week Services Starting March 24th (all at Church)
Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30am w/First Communion
Holy Monday 6:30pm, Holy Tuesday 6:30pm, Holy Wednesday 6:30pm
Maundy Thursday Divine Service 6:30pm
Good Friday Chief Service 1:00pm & Tenebrae Vespers 7:00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:40pm (sunset), Easter Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am

If you would like to sign up for updates and information, please email:
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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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