



## *JUDICA SUNDAY*

“JUDGE ME, O GOD!”

**JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST**

### ***TIPS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP***

**BE FULLY PRESENT:** You'll face a lot of digital distractions once the service kicks off. Choose to stay committed and engaged.

**LIKE, SHARE AND COMMENT:** One of the great benefits of online service is we can have MORE interaction. So, ask questions and smash those reaction buttons. Share the service on your social feeds and invite your friends to watch with you.

**WORSHIP, DON'T JUST WATCH:** You can't feed your body by watching over people eat, and you can't feed your soul by watching other people worship. So, make this a spiritual time — sing, pray and read the word along with us (Get out your Bible). Listen to what God says to you and respond in faith to what he says.

**SET UP YOUR ALTAR AT HOME:** Place a violet cloth on your table under the computer and (have your children) light a candle on each side to make it feel different than watching a YouTube video. Consider even “dressing up for the service” to help set your mind.



## OPENING HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus | 103 vv. 1-2, 4, 6

1. Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From his sacred veins.

4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies,  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.

2. Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be his compassion,  
Infinitely kind.

6. Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

## INVOCATION

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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**C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed Your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

† The Song of Praise is omitted in Lent.

## INTROIT

JUDICA - "Vindicate [Judge] Me" | Antiphon: Psalm 43:1-2; Psalm: Psalm 43:3-5



**P** Vindicate me, `O God, /  
and plead my cause against an un`godly nation;  
oh, deliver me from the deceitful `and unjust man! /  
for You are the `God of my strength;  
Oh, send out Your `light and Your truth! /  
Let them lead me; let them bring me to `Your holy hill.  
Then I will go to the `altar of God, /  
to God my `exceeding joy.  
Why are you cast `down, O my soul? /  
And why are you disquieted `within me?  
Hope in God; for I `shall yet praise Him, /  
the help of my counte`nance and my God.

~ The Gloria Patri is omitted from Judica Sunday until Easter

**P** Vindicate me, `O God, /  
and plead my cause against an un`godly nation;  
oh, deliver me from the deceitful `and unjust man! /  
for You are the `God of my strength.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** We beseech You, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in both body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



~ You are encouraged to get out your Bible and follow along – even if your translation is different, it can be a good practice to wonder why things are translated the way they are.

#### OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 12:1–3

#### EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:11-15

#### GOSPEL

John 8:46-59

#### CHIEF HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts | 128 vv. 1, 2

**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.**

#### SERMON

“A Job No One Else Can Do;  
A Separation No One Else Can Remove”  
(Hebrews 9:11-15)

*The high priest, about to  
enter the Most Holy  
Place through the  
curtain in the tabernacle.  
Source Unknown.*



## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall 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.**

*✠ Offering – Although we are not gathering in person, the work of the church continues. Please consider setting aside your first fruits to the Lord, either by mailing in your offering or by setting up online deposit. You can find the form on our website [here](#).*

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation. Ending with...*

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen. Our Father, who art...

## HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | **106 vv. 1, 2, 4**

**1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows to you, to me, to all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.**

**2. Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
You shall walk with God in light.**

**4. He that drinks shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break his covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when he was glorified.**

## LENTEN COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

**C** Amen.

## 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 look on you with favor and give † you peace.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth | **100 vv. 9-10**

*– Although not all printed in our hymnal, there are 10 verses to this beautiful Lenten hymn which wonderfully correspond to the 5 Sundays in Lent. We will sing 2 verses each Sunday. For a weekly Lenten meditation on these verses, see Pastor Hendrix's posts at [BreadForBeggars.com](http://BreadForBeggars.com).*

**9. Of death I am no more afraid,  
New life from Thee is flowing;  
Thy cross affords me cooling shade  
When day's hot sun is glowing.  
When by my grief I am oppressed,  
On Thee my weary soul shall rest  
And o'er grief's ill so conquer.  
And when beneath life's stormy woe  
My ship is driven to and fro,  
So art Thou then my Anchor.**

**10. And when Thy glory I shall see  
And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,  
Thy blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure;  
When I appear before Thy throne,  
Thy righteousness shall be my crown,  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought  
As Thine own bride, I shall be brought  
To stand in joy beside Thee.**