

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Judica* (Lent 5)

Sunday, April 7, 2019 *through* Saturday, April 13, 2019

“Jesus Is Our Redemption”

Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:42-59

In the temple Jesus said, “If anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death” (John 8:51). Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink to the dregs the cup of suffering in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death’s sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Hebrews 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the Promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Genesis 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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 is seated 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.

PSALM Psalm 43

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XVIII: Free Will*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 40-41, 197-198

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, April 7: Exodus 1:1-22
Mark 14:12-31

Monday, April 8: Exodus 2:1-22
Mark 14:32-52

Tuesday, April 9: Exodus 2:23-3:22
Mark 14:53-72

Wednesday, April 10: Exodus 4:1-18
Mark 15:1-15

Thursday, April 11: Exodus 4:19-31
Mark 15:16-32

Friday, April 12: Exodus 5:1-6:30

Mark 15:33-47

Saturday, April 13: Exodus 7:1-25

Mark 16:1-20

HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430:1, 2

**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?

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!

PRAYERS

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.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *Palmarum* (Palm Sunday)

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 118 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26 & 27
Hymn of the Day *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* LSB 438