

Daily Prayers for the week of *Judica* – 03/21/2021

OPENING VERSICLES:

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
The *Gloria Patri* (“Glory be to the Father ...”) is omitted until Easter Vigil

PSALMODY: Psalm 143 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 84; 42, 32; Mon: 119:73-80; 121, 6; Tues: 34; 25, 91; Wed: 5; 27, 51;
Thurs: 38; 126, 102; Fri: 22; 107, 103; Sat: 43; 31, 143

MARCH HYMN: 442 – All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymn: 430

CATECHISM:

What does God's Word say to Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers?

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:2-4, 6
He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.
Titus 1:9

GOSPEL READING: John 8:42-59 ESV

⁴² Jesus said to them, “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. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ 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. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God. ⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon? ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death. ⁵² 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. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be? ⁵⁴ 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. ⁵⁵ 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. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad. ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham? ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God.

CATECHESIS:

The Jews contended with the Jesus since they rejected Him because of His mercy to sinners. Although they claimed to be the children of Abraham because of their bloodline, they were not because they rejected the faith of Abraham for they did not believe the promised Messiah. “In you [Abraham], and in your Seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed.” This was a promise of grace and salvation extended to all people. Abraham looked forward to the day of the Jesus' coming, for in it His grace and mercy would extend to the world in the redemption that was won on the cross. In this Gospel Jesus confesses Himself to be the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham, and the great I AM Himself. In Jesus, all of the nations of the earth are blessed because on the cross, Jesus paid the price for the sins of the world and He bestows this forgiveness for free.

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 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.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

COLLECT OF THE WEEK:

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 and Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

BENEDICAMUS:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Looking ahead to the *Sunday of the Passion (Palmarum)* – 04/05/2020:

Palmarum: Matt 21:1-9; OT: Zech 9:9-12; Ep: Phil 2:5-11;

Gospel: Matt 26:1-27:66; Chief Hymn: 441 – Ride on, Ride on in Majesty