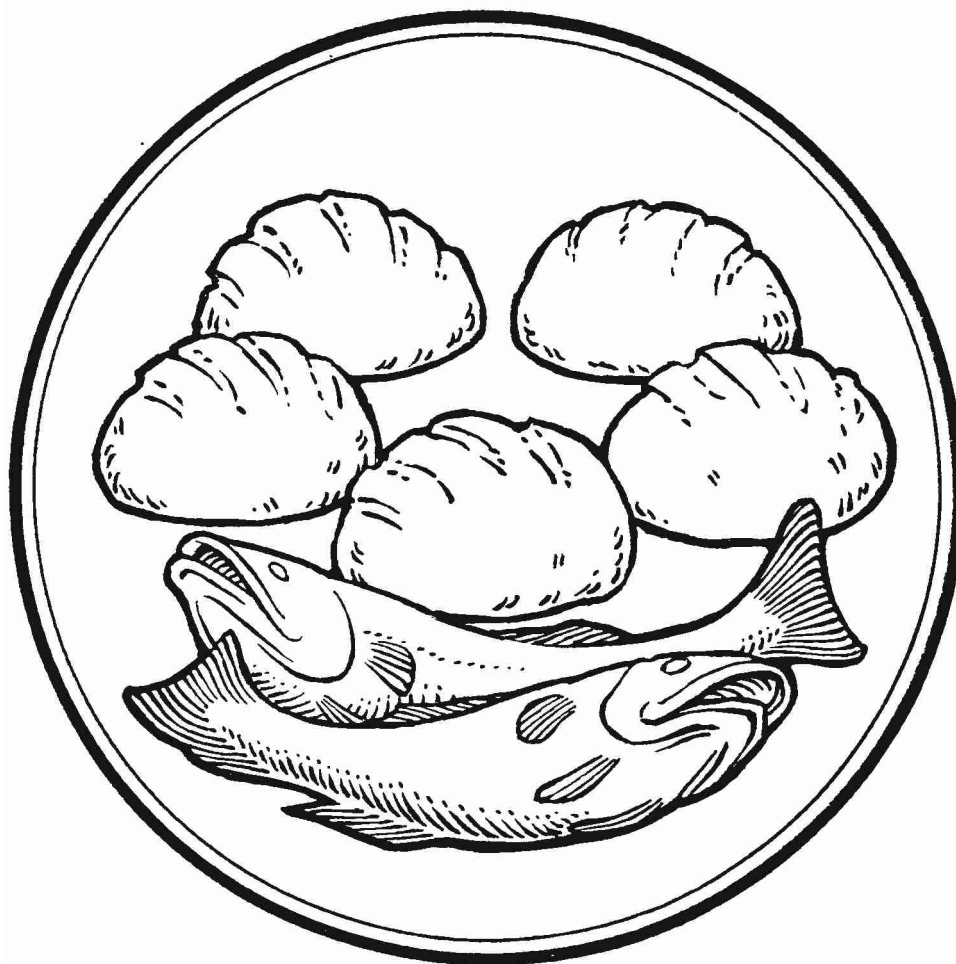


# *Wednesday in Judica – Lent V*

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### 439 - O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,  
Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;  
God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;  
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;  
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,  
Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying  
While Thou wert dying.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!  
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?  
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?  
What dare I offer?

**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

### Antiphon: Psalm 104:14–15

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from  
the earth  
<sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

### Psalm 104

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and  
majesty,  
<sup>2</sup>**covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out  
the heavens like a tent.**  
<sup>3</sup>He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his  
chariot;  
he rides on the wings of the wind;  
<sup>4</sup>**he makes his messengers winds,  
his ministers a flaming fire.**  
<sup>5</sup>He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.  
<sup>6</sup>**You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.**  
<sup>7</sup>At your rebuke they fled;  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.  
<sup>8</sup>**The mountains rose, the valleys sank down  
to the place that you appointed for them.**

<sup>9</sup>You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;**

<sup>11</sup>they give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup>**Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.**

<sup>13</sup>From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

<sup>14</sup>**You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food  
from the earth**

<sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

<sup>16</sup>**The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

<sup>17</sup>In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has her home in the fir trees.

<sup>18</sup>**The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.**

<sup>19</sup>He made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.

<sup>20</sup>**You make darkness, and it is night,  
when all the beasts of the forest creep about.**

<sup>21</sup>The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.

<sup>22</sup>**When the sun rises, they steal away  
and lie down in their dens.**

<sup>23</sup>Man goes out to his work  
and to his labor until the evening.

<sup>24</sup>**O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your  
creatures.**

<sup>25</sup>Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and  
great.

<sup>26</sup>**There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.**

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.  
<sup>28</sup>**When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**  
<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup>**When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.**  
<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
<sup>32</sup>**who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**  
<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup>**May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.**  
<sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

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### **563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
  
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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## **Saint Mark's Passion**

*Mark 15:33–47*

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" <sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. <sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage

and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

## Reading

*John 6*

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" <sup>15</sup>Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at

the land to which they were going. <sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” <sup>41</sup>So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has



eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” <sup>70</sup>Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” <sup>71</sup>He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

## Responsory (Lent)

*LSB 231*

- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

## Sermon

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

## Magnificat

*LSB 231*

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

## (Offering)

## Litany

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| <b>L</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>L</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>L</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>L</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> hear us.                              |
| <b>L</b> God the Father in heaven,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>L</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>L</b> God the Holy Spirit,  | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>L</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord.                  |
| <b>L</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.                   |
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| <b>L</b> From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:  | <b>C</b> Good Lord, deliver us.                |
| <br>   |  |
| <b>L</b> By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:   | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.                   |
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| <b>L</b> In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.                   |
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| <b>L</b> We poor sinners implore You   | <b>C</b> to hear us, O Lord.                   |
| <br>   |  |
| <b>L</b> To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit: | <b>C</b> We implore You to hear us, good Lord. |

**L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** we implore You to hear us.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**L** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

## 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.**

## Collect for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent : create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Communion of Sick and Homebound**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace and health; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Peace**

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 234*

**L** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**

*LSB 234*

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

## 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—  
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.  
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!  
Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;  
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee  
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly  
All fires unholy.
- 11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me  
To crucify desires that still entice me,  
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me  
And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor  
Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,  
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.  
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me  
Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;  
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;  
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness  
Nor shame my weakness.
- 15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,  
I, too, shall praise Thee.

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*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”**