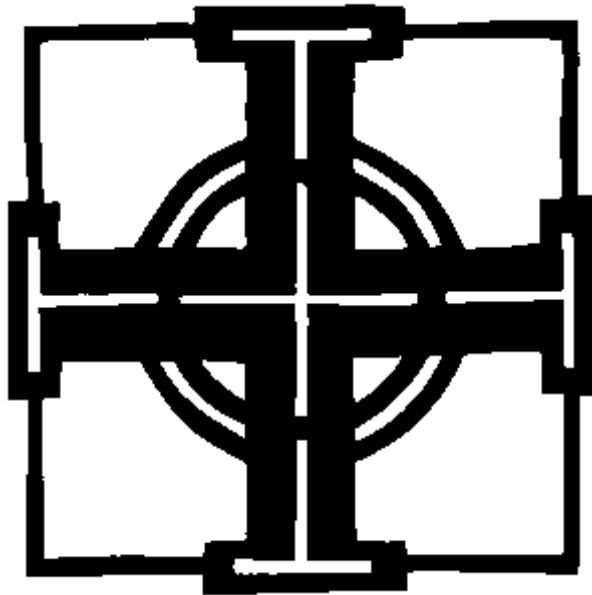


**Judica / The 5th Sunday in Lent  
Children of Abraham Or of the Devil  
March 29, 2020**



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# COVID-19 Prevention

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend some simple steps to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



## **Clean**

Wash and sanitize your hands often.



## **Cover**

Cough and sneeze into your elbow.



## **Contain**

Stay home if you're sick.

## **Prelude**

## ***Comfort and Encouragement***

**arr. By Craig Curry**

*(It Is Well With My Soul and the Comforter Has Come)*

## **Confession**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, if you kept a record of sins, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Introit** (*Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: Psalm 43:1-2a*)

**C: Vindicate me, O God,**

**and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

**For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**

**A:** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!  
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with they lyre, O God, my God.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**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.  
Vindicate me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!  
For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**

### **Greeting and Collect**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**



## **The Hebrew Scriptures** (Genesis 22:1-14)

**A:** A reading from Genesis:

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>2</sup> He said, "Take 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."

<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

<sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

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<sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

<sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** (*Psalm 143:9a,10a; 18:48a,c*)

**C: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!**

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!**

**[You] delivered me from my enemies;**

**you rescued me from the man of violence.**



## **The Christian Scriptures** (*Hebrews 9:11-15*)

**A:** A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **The Holy Gospel** (*John 8:42-59*)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup> Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup> Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

<sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

<sup>52</sup> 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.' <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"

<sup>54</sup> 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.' <sup>55</sup> 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. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."



- <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"
- <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."
- <sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

*A black veil is placed over the crucifix at this time.*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Throughout Lent, we will "fast" from the Nicene Creed and say the Apostles' Creed.*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God,  
the Father, Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son,  
our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.  
he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.  
his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.  
he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.  
like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.



**Prayers of the People**

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

P: We pray.

**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.**

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Postlude**

***Voluntary***

**J. Schluty**

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