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#26 Seventh, the Church Is Recognized by The Sacred Cross of Affliction

Seventh, the holy Christian people are externally recognized by the holy possession of the sacred cross. They must endure every misfortune and persecution, all kinds of trials and evil from the devil, the world, and the flesh (as the Lord's Prayer indicates) by inward sadness, timidity, fear, outward poverty, contempt, illness, and weakness, in order to become like their head, Christ. And the only reason they must suffer is that they steadfastly adhere to Christ and God's word, enduring this for the sake of Christ, Matthew 5 [:11], "Blessed are you when men persecute you on my account." They must be pious, quiet, obedient, and prepared to serve the government and everybody with life and goods, doing no one any harm. No people on earth have to endure such bitter hate; they must be accounted worse than Jews, heathen, and Turks. In summary, they must be called heretics, knaves, and devils, the most pernicious people on earth, to the point where those who hang, drown, murder, torture, banish, and plague them to death are rendering God a service. No one has compassion on them; they are given myrrh and gall to drink when they thirst. And all of this is done not because they are adulterers, murderers, thieves, or rogues, but because they want to have none but Christ, and no other God. Wherever you see or hear this, you may know that the holy Christian church is there, as Christ says in Matthew 5 [:11–12], "Blessed are you when men revile you and utter all kinds of evil against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." This too is a holy possession whereby the Holy Spirit not only sanctifies his people, but also blesses them. (Luther's Works, v.41, p.164-165)

The Order of Matins, p.208

+ "O Lord, open my lips... p.208f + Ascription of Praise p.209

+ Lenten Invitatory

P. The Lord has redeemed His people

C. Oh, come, let us worship him.

+ The Venite p.209f

"Oh, come, let us sing..."

The Lenten invitatory is repeated.

Hymn #103 "The Royal Banners Forward Go"

Psalmody Psalm 73

Readings Zechariah 9:9-12,

Philippians 2:5-11,

Matthew 26-27

Responsory for Lentp.212

"We have an advocate with the Father..."

Sermon "His Humility and Patience" Mt 26:42

+ Te Deum...... p.214

"We praise you, O God..."

+ The Prayers...... p.219

Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy...")

Lord's Prayer

Salutation

Collect for Judica

Collect for Passiontide

Special Prayers

Collect for Grace

+ Benedicamus/Blessing

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