

**Genesis 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Hebrews 9:11-15**

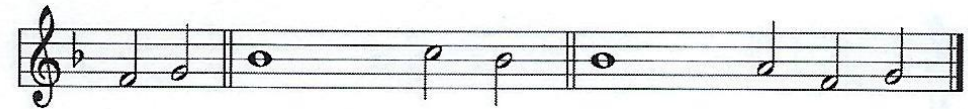
<sup>11</sup>But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. <sup>12</sup>Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? <sup>15</sup>And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

**St. John 8:46-59**

<sup>46</sup>“Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup>“He who is of God

hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly 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>“And I do not seek My *own* glory; there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup>“Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” <sup>52</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>“Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup>“Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup>“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” <sup>59</sup>Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

**JUDICA. PASSION SUNDAY. (VIOLET)****Introit.**

*Ant.* JUDGE ME, || O | God | - :

and plead my cause against an ungod- | ly | na- | tion.

|| O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust | man | - :

for Thou art the God | of | my | strength.

*Psalm.* || O send out Thy light and Thy | truth | - :

let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy | ho- | ly | hill.

*(From Judica through Holy Saturday the Gloria Patri is omitted.)*

**Collect.**

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 the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle.** Hebrews 9:11–15

**Gospel.** John 8:46–59

**Additional reading:** Genesis 12:1–3

**Gradual.**

|| Deliver me, O Lord, from mine | ene- | mies:

teach me to | do | Thy | will.

|| He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up a- | gainst | me:

Thou hast delivered me from the vi- | o- | lent | man.

*Tract.* || Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth. May Israel | now | say:

many a time have they afflicted me from my youth. Yet they have not pre-

vailed | a- | gainst | me.

Judica - 5th Sunday in Lent

24. Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God

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1. Lord Je - sus Christ, true man and God,  
 2. When comes the hour of fail - ing breath,  
 3. When all my mind is dark - ened o'er,  
 4. Joy - ful my res - ur - rec - tion be,  
 5. Dear Lord, for - give us all our guilt;

Who bor - est ang - uish, scorn, the rod,  
 And I must wres - tle, Lord, with death,  
 And hu - man help can do no more;  
 Thou in the judg - ment plead for me,  
 Help us to wait un - til Thou wilt

And diedst at last up - on the tree,  
 When from my sight all fades a - way,  
 Then come, Lord Je - sus! come with speed,  
 And hide my sins, Lord, from Thy face,  
 That we de - part; and let our faith

To bring Thy Fa - ther's grace to me;  
 And when my tongue no more can say,  
 And help me in my hour of need;  
 And give me life, of Thy rich grace!  
 Be brave, and con - quer e'en in death;

I pray Thee, through that bi - ter woe,  
 And when mine ears no more can hear,  
 Lead me from this dark vale be - neath,  
 I trust Thee ut - ter - ly, my Lord,  
 Firm rest - ing on Thy sac - red Word,

Let me, a sin - ner, mer - cy know.  
 And when my heart is racked with fear;  
 And short - en then the pangs of death.  
 For Thou hast prom - ised in Thy Word!  
 Un - til we sleep in Thee, our Lord. A - men.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* This is My Body, which is given for you: This cup is the new testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Cor 11:24,26).  
**Ps 116:10-16.**

## Passiontide

A clearly defined period within Lent begins with the Fifth Sunday in Lent. From very early times this week and Holy Week have been spoken of as

Passiontide and marked the formal ecclesiastical observance of a special period in commemoration of our Lord's Passion. It is the third step in our preparation for Easter, which began with Septuagesima. It was intensified until we reached the Sunday of Refreshment(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent), which brought the transition from the rigorous demands of Lent to the contemplation of our Lord's suffering and death. The preparation for our rising to newness of life with Christ continues, but the Savior's Passion is now introduced as an appeal to our heart and conscience. The sense of pardon is conveyed by contemplating the Sacrifice, but at the same time our compunction for sin is to be increased. Pardon given without some method of emphasizing guilt might make men think lightly of sin. This is prevented by impressing on us: "You were bought with a price." In the two weeks beginning with Judica, both elements, pardon and sacrifice, are presented. The fact that we think and speak of our Lord's suffering and death with intense concentration will deepen the solemnity of our worship, but our Services should not be morose and desolate. All during Lent our Liturgy leads us to lament our sins, but it never leaves us without the joyous assurance of acceptance by God. While the Propers of Judica and Holy Week impress upon us the enormity of our sin by holding before us the tremendous Sacrifice and the ugliness of our sins in the light of the Sufferer's holiness, a quiet joy in our redemption should pervade our worship, even on Good Friday.

The final two weeks before Easter is called Passiontide, a period devoted to meditation upon the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. During this time not only is the alleluia not used(as during Lent), but even the Gloria Patri is taken away.

--With today's reading for Passion Week(3/26-4/1), we see the increasing opposition that Jesus faced the last year of his ministry (Jn 8:42f).

--Holy Week(4/2-4/9) is devoted to the last week of Jesus' Life. Though it begins with a palm procession(Mt 21:1f), the theme of the week is clearly the extended readings from Jesus' Passion.

--Sunday(4/2) is St. Matthew, chapters 26 & 27.

--Tuesday(4/4) is St. Mark, chapters 14 & 15.

--Wednesday(4/5) is St. Luke, chapters 22 & 23.

--Friday(4/7) is St. John, chapters 18 & 19