

Introit

Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: Psalm 43:1-2a



- P** 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.
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them | lead me; *
let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your | dwelling!
- G** **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy, ***
and I will praise You with the lyre, O | God, my God.
- P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me? *
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my Salvation | and my God.

The Gloria Patri is omitted in Passiontide.

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Collect of the Day

We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord...

Collect of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing You have made and forgives 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 You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord...

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-19

God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now 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." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham

his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10c

- P** Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord! *
Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!
- G** **[You] delivered me from my | enemies; ***
You rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Brethren: 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. 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. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 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? 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

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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Parents of Small Children:

We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

Visitors:

So we can get to know you better, please fill out one of the attendance cards in the hymnal rack in your pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Beffrey and the congregation! We hope you'll come back to Founders Hall after the service to share a cup of coffee and snack with us.

Who may Commune at Epiphany?

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany in every Service. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.

covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Tract

Psalm 129:1-4

P "Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth" — *
let Israel | now say —

C "Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth, *
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.

P The plowers plowed up- | on my back; *
they made long their | furrows."

C The Lord is | righteous; *
He has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Holy Gospel Reading

St John 8: 46-59

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the, eighth chapter.

C (♪) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews and the chief priests: "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." 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.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" 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. 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. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

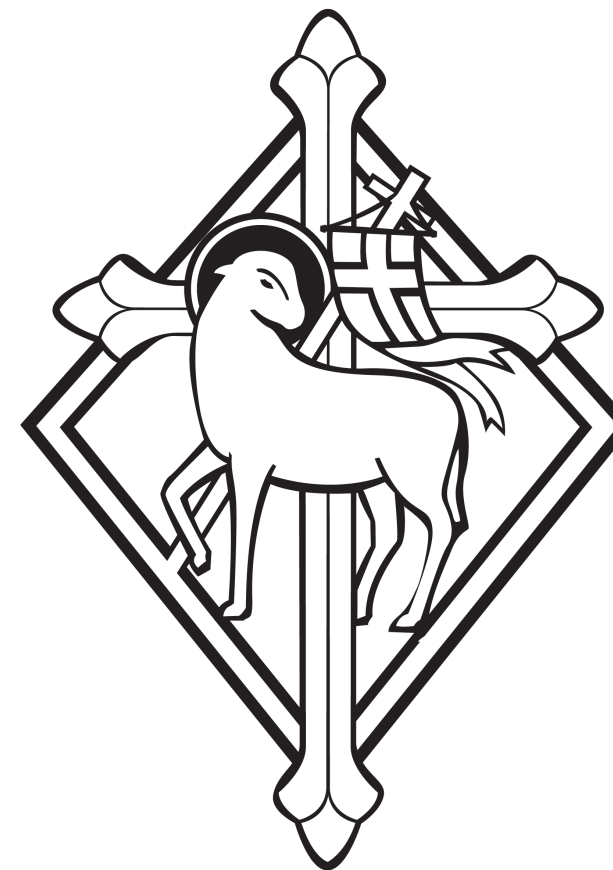
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (♪) Praise to You, O Christ.

Judica

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✠ Sunday 26 March Anno ✠ Domini 2023 ✠



I consecrate Myself that they also may be sanctified in truth.

—John 17:19

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