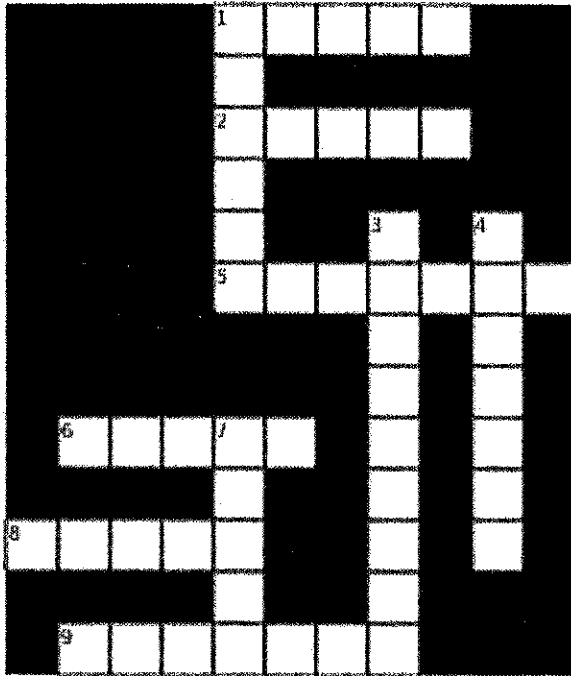


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT (JUDICA)

The phrase "Judica" is from the Latin language. In English it means "Judge (me)." These are the beginning words of the Psalm (also called Introit) in Latin this week. Look in your parent's service folder and read the Introit. The color for the Fifth Week of Lent is purple.



Across

- 1 Judica means "_____ " (me).
- 2 The Jews thought that Jesus had a _____.
- 5 Jesus said He saw _____.
- 6 God gave Abraham and Sarah a son named _____.
- 8 When the Jews thought Jesus had a demon, Jesus said "I _____ my Father."
- 9 God kept His _____ to Abraham that Isaac would have many descendants.

Down

- 1 What is the name of the 5th Week of Lent?
- 3 God commanded Abraham to _____ Isaac.
- 4 Abraham means "father of many _____."
- 7 God changed Abraham's name from _____.

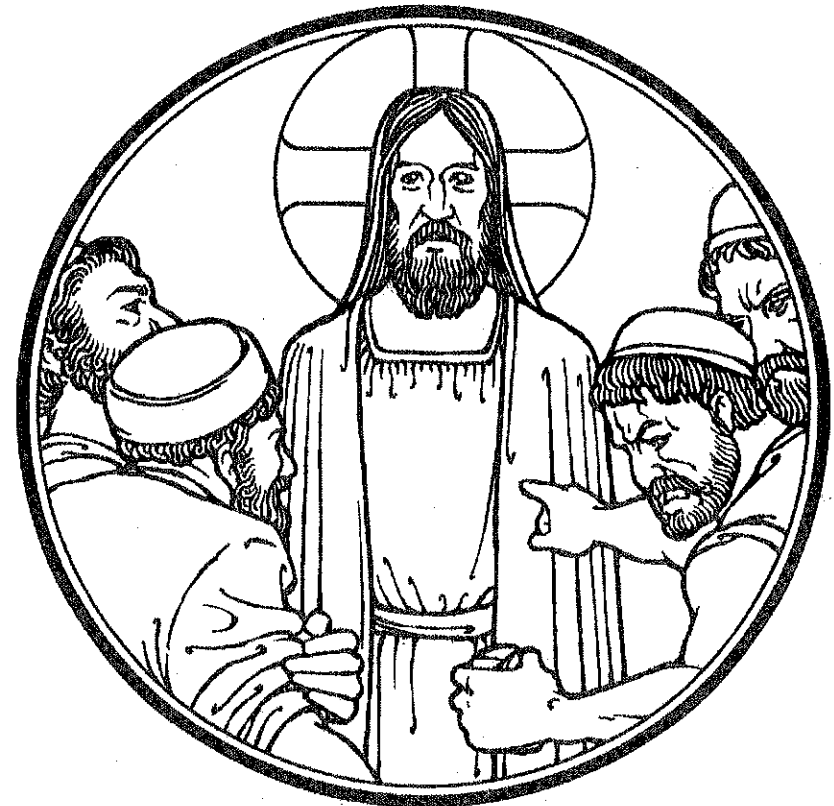
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What to listen for during the service?

What hymns do you hear the congregation singing today? Look up the numbers in your parents' bulletin and read them. Sing along if you can. What common theme do you hear about in the hymn words?

Gospel Reading: John 8:46-59

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52 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.' 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" 54 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.' 55 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. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Who is Jesus talking to in the Gospel reading?
- 2) The Jews hated the Samaritans. Why do the Jews think Jesus is a Samaritan? (Hint: Look at John 4)
- 3) The Jews thought that God loved them because they were Abraham's descendents, and because they kept the Law. What really makes God love us?
- 4) When Jesus says He knew Abraham the Jews get angry. Who did Jesus claim He was by saying this?

- 5) Jesus escapes before the angry Jews can kill Him with stones. When and how does God's plan have Jesus die?

People of the Bible: Abraham

Abraham is an important name we hear in the Old Testament. But who was Abraham? Though he was born and named Abram, God changed his name to Abraham in his old age. This name means "father of many nations." Abraham was an important person in God's plan of salvation for all people. God promised Abraham he would have a child in his old age and many, many descendants from him. The Messiah would come from this family line. Abraham was married to Sarah, and even though they tried to have a child in their own way, it was God who gave them the child He promised, Isaac. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. Abraham's faith was later tested when God told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, and Abraham went to obey this command. Just before sacrificing Isaac, the angel of the Lord stopped Abraham. God then provided a ram to sacrifice instead, and once again promised Abraham that he would give him many descendents from Isaac. Abraham died at the age of 175.

Catechism Corner

The Lord's Prayer: The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? Answer:

God's name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be holy among us also.

How is this done? Answer:

When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. This grant us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives otherwise than God's Word teaches, profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, Heavenly Father.