# JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED. -- MATTHEW 7:1 --



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## **Opening Versicles (Lent)**

Stand



### Psalm 143

## Psalmody

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! **C** Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. **P** For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. **C** Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. **P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. **C** I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. **P** Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. **C** Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in vou I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. **P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge! **C** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! **P** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! **C** And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.





#### Reading

Matthew 7:1-20

<sup>1</sup>"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup>"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

<sup>7"</sup>Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

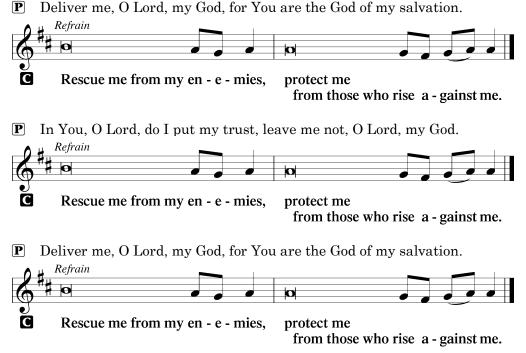
<sup>12</sup>"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup>"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

<sup>15</sup>"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

#### **Responsory (Lent)**

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8 LSB 231



#### Sermon

## Offering

For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.

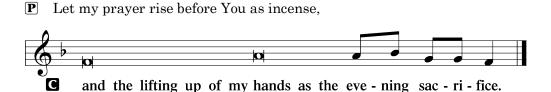
For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at pushpay.com/pay/christlcms for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office (office@christlcms.org) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.

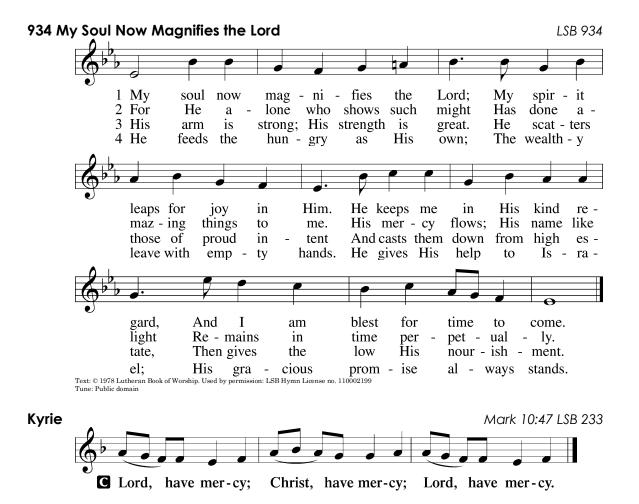
## Canticle

P

Stand







#### Prayer

At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

■ ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

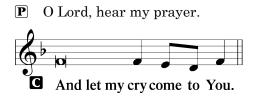
**C** Amen.



Lord's Prayer

 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.

## Collects



## Collect of the Day

- ▶ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

## **Collect for Peace**

- ▶ O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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- Amen.

## Luther's Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 234

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



## **Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14 LSB 234

■ The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Sit



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