

1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A gift of
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old In fig - ured
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The words we
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way That lures the
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, Our God while

1. faith from ag - es past, This Lent which binds us
 2. ways this Lent fore - told, Which Christ, all ag - es'
 3. speak, the food we take, Our sleep, our laugh - ter,
 4. care - less mind a - stray; By watch - ful prayer our
 5. end - less ag - es run, That this, our Lent of

1. lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
 2. Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
 3. ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
 4. spir - its free From schem - ing of the e - ne - my.
 5. for - ty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.

FIRST READING: Ez 18:21-2

Thus says the Lord GOD: If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, if he keeps all my statutes and does what is right and just, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him; he shall live because of the virtue he has practiced. Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? says the Lord GOD. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live?

And if the virtuous man turns from the path of virtue to do evil, the same kind of abominable things that the wicked man does, can he do this and still live? None of his virtuous deeds shall be remembered, because he has broken faith and committed sin; because of this, he shall die. You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if the wicked, turning from the wickedness he has committed, does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.

My soul waits for the LORD
more than sentinels wait for the dawn.
Let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mt 6:7-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, Raqa, will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."

I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

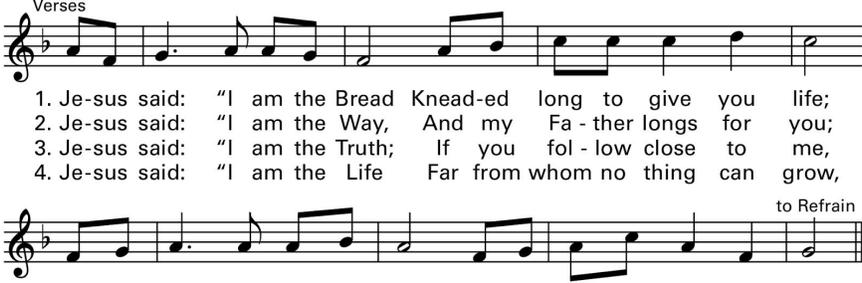
LIVING GOD

Refrain



I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of
joy. I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je - sus said: "I am the Bread Knead - ed long to give you life;
2. Je - sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa - ther longs for you;
3. Je - sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol - low close to me,
4. Je - sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,

to Refrain



1. You who will par - take of me Need not ev - er fear to die."
2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a - new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re - ceive this liv - ing bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

FROM THE DEPTHS WE CRY TO THEE

HEINLEIN



1. From the depths we cry to thee, God of sov'-reign maj-es - ty!
2. Gra-cious God, our hearts re-new; Strength-en us thy will to do.
3. Lord, ac - cept our Len-ten fast And for-give our sin-ful past,



1. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise; Bless our Lent of for - ty days.
2. Wash us, make us pure with - in; Cleanse us from the stain of sin.
3. That we may par - take with thee In the Eas - ter mys-ter - y.

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