

**Today's Theme for Worship: The Last Day: A day of terror for all those who troubled God's people.** God's people leave judgment up to the judge. At the Last Day, every wrong will be righted. We look forward to that day—also known as Judgment Day—because we are confident of where we stand through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Hymn: 495 The King Shall Come**

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes—  
not as of old a little child  
to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.
  
- 2 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death  
despite the rage of foes  
shall dawn that glorious, welcome morn  
for all who know his grace—  
the day when Christ in splendor comes  
and we shall see his face.
  
- 3 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and earth's dark night is past;  
that morning cannot rise too soon,  
that day that e'er shall last.  
Then let the endless bliss begin,  
as heav'n with praises rings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
come quickly, King of kings!

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**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **Absolution**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Glory to God in the Highest**

*Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

The Word

### **Salutation**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day:**

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading: Malachi 4:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

<sup>4</sup>Remember the law of my servant Moses, which I commanded to him at Horeb to serve as statutes and judgments over all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>Look! I am going to send Elijah the prophet to you before the great and fearful day of the LORD comes! <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.

## **Psalm of the Day: 98A All the Ends of the Earth**

### *Refrain*

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Sing to the LORD a / new song,

for he has done / marv'ulous things;

his right hand and his / holy arm

have worked salvation / for him.

The LORD has made his sal- / vation known

and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with / music.

Let the rivers / clap their hands,

let the mountains sing together / for joy;

let them sing be- / fore the LORD,

for he comes to / judge the earth.

He will judge the world in / righteousness

and the peoples with / equity.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10**

<sup>5</sup>This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. <sup>6</sup>Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, <sup>7</sup>and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, <sup>8</sup>he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, <sup>10</sup>on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

### **Gospel Acclamation: Gospel Acclamation - Setting 3**

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Be faithful, even to the point of death,  
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

### **Gospel: Luke 21:5–19**

<sup>5</sup>As some were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“These things that you see here—the days will come when there will not be one stone left on another—every one will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign that these things are about to happen?”

<sup>8</sup>He said, “Watch out so that you are not deceived! For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup>Whenever you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not be right then.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be horrifying sights and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup>It will turn out to be your opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand how to defend yourselves, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all people for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By patient endurance you will gain your lives.

### **Hymn of the Day: 488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

- 1 The day is surely drawing near  
when Jesus, God's anointed,  
shall with great majesty appear  
as judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease  
when flames on flames will still increase,  
as Scripture truly teaches.
- 2 A trumpet loud shall then resound  
and all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found  
shall from their sleep awaken  
and with the living in that hour,  
by God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
be changed at his commanding.

- 3 A book is opened then to all,  
a record truly telling  
what each has done, both great and small,  
when they on earth were dwelling,  
and ev'ry heart be clearly seen,  
and all be known as they have been  
in thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
and sought but carnal pleasures,  
who here despised his precious Word  
and loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
and at the judge's stern command  
to Satan be delivered.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
and for my sin was smitten;  
within the Book of Life I know  
my name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
and Satan cannot threaten me;  
there is no condemnation!
- 6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
but hasten our salvation;  
we often tremble on our way  
in fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently;  
come soon, Redeemer, make us free  
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

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## Sermon

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

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## **Hymn: 809 Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled**

Ref Do not let your hearts be troubled;  
have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.

- 1 In God's house there are many places  
for you to dwell in peace and safety.  
You know the way to where I'll lead you;  
if you are lost, I will show the way. (Refrain)
- 2 I am the way, the truth, and the life;  
only through me can you know what I know.  
If you knew me, you would know the Father;  
if you see me, you see your God. (Refrain)
- 3 The words I speak are not only of myself;  
it is your God who lives within me.  
If you believe that your God and I are one,  
I will provide when you call my name. (Refrain)

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## **Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**



## Hymn: 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
among us with your grace  
that Satan may not harm us  
nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
among us with your Word  
and thus now and hereafter  
true peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
among us, precious Light;  
your truth direct and keep us  
from error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
among us, bounteous Lord;  
let us in grace and wisdom  
grow daily through your Word.
- 5 Abide with your protection  
among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us  
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

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