

The Last Week

In the season of Pentecost

(Last Sunday of the Church Year)

Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30 PM
Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

OPENING HYMN

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING | CW#487

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee

once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at naught and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to claim his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!



HOLY BAPTISM

remain seated

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when He said, “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. and surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners Christ died for us. He took away our sins by giving His life on the cross. In Baptism, He clothes us with a rope of His righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall a baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drawn by daily sorrow and repentance, let all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. it also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and I've 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.

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat satan's power. his promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. your sins are forgiven. you are closed with Christ. you are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

_____, I baptize you in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and the heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Almighty God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May He strengthened you with His grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray:

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that You have received _____ as Your own child and made him/her a member of Christ's body, the Church. Now we pray, grant to him/her and to all Your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into His death, we may also share in His resurrection, so that, with all Your Saints, we may inherit eternal life through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

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 Lesson: *Daniel 12:1–3*

12“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: We pray:

Almighty God and Savior, You have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of Your Son that we may sit with Him and all Your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) *Amen*

please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm

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Refrain



Tone



Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.

Let us come before him with thanks- / giving
and extol him with mu- / sic and song.

For the LORD is the / great God,
the great King a- / bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths / of the earth,
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.

The sea is his, for he / made it,
and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,
the flock under / his care.

Today, if only you would / hear his voice,
“Do not hard- / en your hearts

as you did at / Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”

**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***

SECOND READING: Jude 20–25

²⁰ But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. ²¹ Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Verse of the Day: Matthew 24:42

Alleluia! Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia!

Congregation Sings

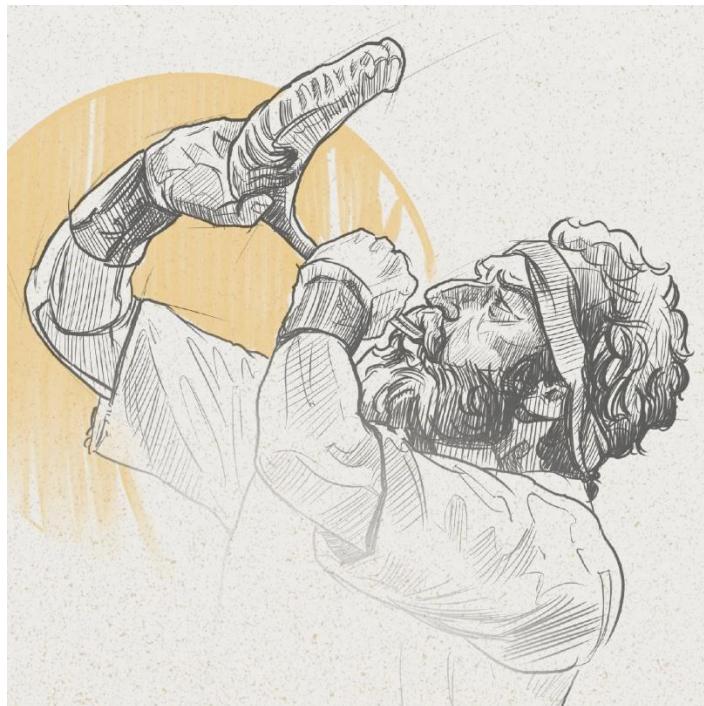
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These Words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel



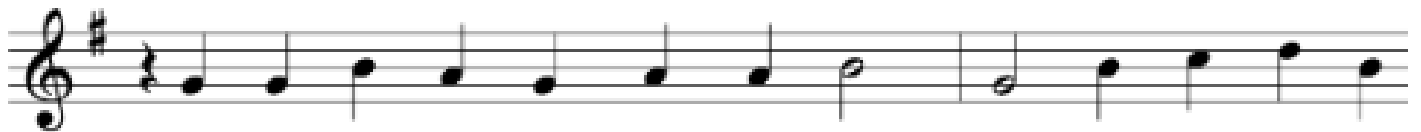
GOSPEL READING: *Mark 13:26–37*

²⁶ “At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³² “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’ ”



HYMN

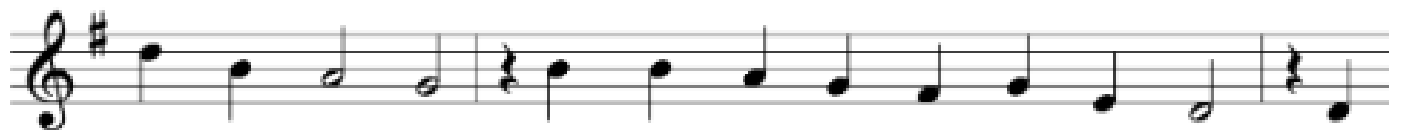
THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR | CW#488



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was
 6 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, but has - ten our sal -



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
 shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
 tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on
 plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their
 smit - ten; with - in the Book of Life I know my name has
 va - tion; we of - ten trem - ble on our way in fear and



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
 sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
 earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and
 earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and
 now been writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, and
 trib - u - la - tion. Your saints are wait - ing pa - tient - ly; come



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 God's al - might - y, bound - less pow'r, be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 at the judg - e's stern com - mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
 Sa - tan can - not threat - en me; there is no con - dem - na - tion!
 soon, Re - deem - er, make us free from ev - 'ry e - vil. A - men.

SERMON

after the sermon, please stand

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.

please be seated

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Cor. 16:2).

The offering plates will be passed through the congregation. After collection, the ushers will take the offering plates to the front to present them at the altar of God. As the plates come forward, please stand and sing our offering hymn.

OFFERING HYMN

GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER | CW#608:1,4



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! thus the choir of



God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth, as he ap - proach - es, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing night.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb you shall be - hold,
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph lay be - fore him your shin - ing crowns of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free.

Text: tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.; Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.

Tune: Swedish

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PRAYER

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

C: (sung) *A-men.*

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

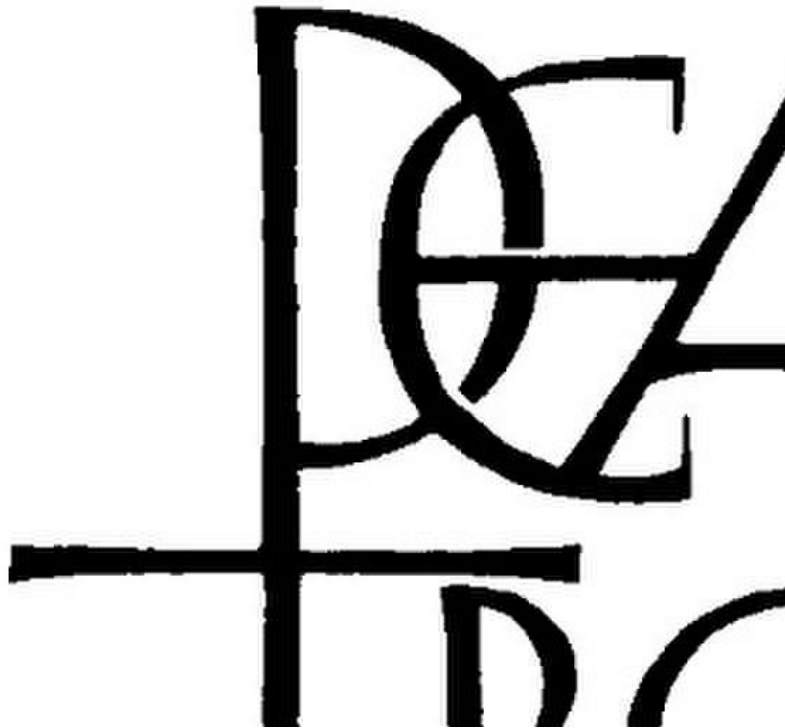
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: (sung) *Amen. Amen. A-men.*

CLOSING HYMN

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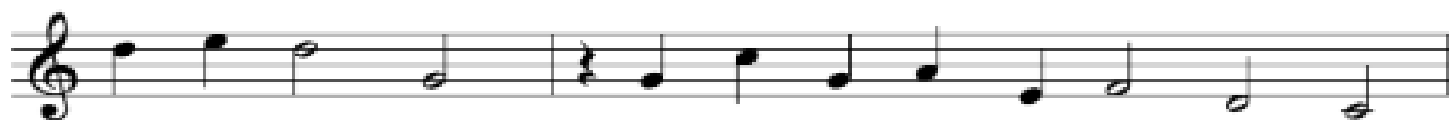
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore you with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



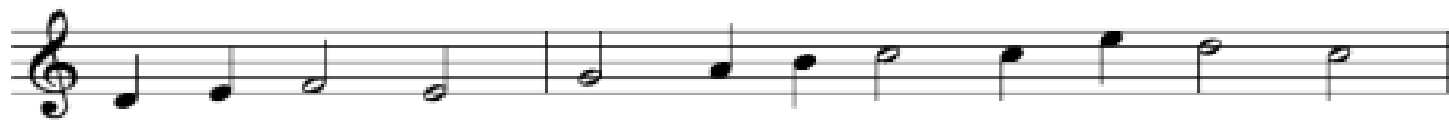
Mid-night hears the wel - come voic - es and at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing with the



cry re - joic - es; "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear has ev - er caught



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all the mar - riage hall
 such great glo - ry; there - fore will we in vic - to - ry



to meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 to eat the Sup - per at your call.
 sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.