

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF END TIME: LAST JUDGEMENT

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Worship Focus
Anticipate the Final Judgment



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OPENING HYMN

220 – O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking



1 O'er the dis - tant moun - tains break - ing Comes the red -
2 Come, O Long - Ex - spect - ed; wea - ry Waits my spir -
3 Near - er is my soul's sal - va - tion; Spent the night,
4 With my lamp well-trimmed and burn - ing, Swift to hear



d'ning dawn of day. Rise, my soul, from sleep a - wak - ing;
it anx - ious - ly. Life is dark and earth is drear - y
the day at hand. Keep me in my hum - ble sta - tion,
and slow to stray, Watch - ing for your glad re - turn - ing,



Rise and sing and watch and pray. 'Tis your Sav - ior,
Where your light I can - not see. O my Sav - ior,
Watch - ing for you till I stand, O my Sav - ior,
Wait - ing for the bless - ed day. Come, my Sav - ior,



'Tis your Sav - ior, On his bright re - turn - ing way.
O my Sav - ior, When will you re - turn to me?
O my Sav - ior, In your bright, your prom - ised, land,
Come, my Sav - ior, O my Sav - ior, quick - ly come!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, abr., alt.

Tune: O JERUSALEM, DU SCHÖNE (87 87 447) Johann G. C. Stofl, 1675–1719, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister

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



Congregation

C: A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: A - men.

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

CHOIR

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

The congregation is invited to join in singing the last verse.

*Jerusalem my happy home When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?*

*O happy harbor of the saints O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.*

*Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.*

*Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand,
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.*

**Jerusalem, my happy, Would God I were in thee!
Would God my woes were at an end Thy joys that I might see!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M 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 to 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.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Malachi 4:1,2a

The Day of Judgment is terror for the unbeliever, but joy for the believer.

MALACHI 4:1 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.”² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.



All 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
Women 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
Men 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
Women 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
Men 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
 bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, To end - less years the same.
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

All 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. ANNE (CM) William Croft, 1678–1727, alt.



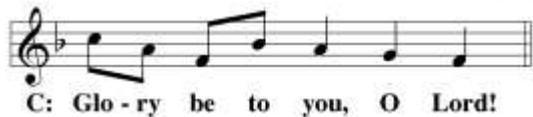
SECOND LESSON Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ – the author of salvation and object of our faith – is the one who comes to judge.

HEBREWS 9:24 For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL John 5:19-24

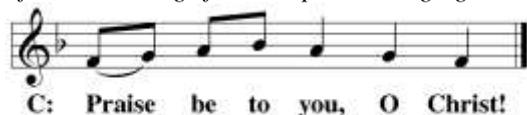
There is agreement between Father and Son concerning the Day of Judgment.

JOHN 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴ “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

C 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

382 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SERMON

Malachi 4:1,2a

Judgment Day Is a Sure Thing

1. In its arrival
2. In its results

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The day of the Lord is coming, and the Lord will sound forth its coming. Let us call in the name of Jesus Christ to Him who will give answer to our prayers.

Brief silence

Keep us from walking in idleness, O Lord, and encourage us in our Lord, Jesus Christ, to fulfill the vocations You have given us for those here on earth and for the sake of Your eternal Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us from the fear of signs and terrors and guard our hearts, O Lord, in the confidence that because we belong to You, nothing shall separate us from Your love. Make Your Church, her pastors and all who serve her faithful in their work, that the Gospel may be preached and many drawn to the name of the Lord before the day of salvation ends. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us steadfast, O Lord, in the face of temptation, strong in the face of trial and unwavering in faith, trusting in Your Word and doing the good works of Him who called us from darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep, O Lord, the sick and all who suffer, and grant the grieving comfort and the dying peace. Especially remember those we name in our hearts, that in the afflictions of this mortal life we may not doubt nor fear but trust the Lord to provide all things needful to sustain us through illness, pain and even death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the days pass and all things move to their appointed end, keep us from being complacent. Keep us alert and awake so that when the day comes, we may greet the Lord and rejoice in His eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear
 earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found
 tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the
 When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's
 heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions,
 stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
 threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

Final stanza is on the facing page

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.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832-1919, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M 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.

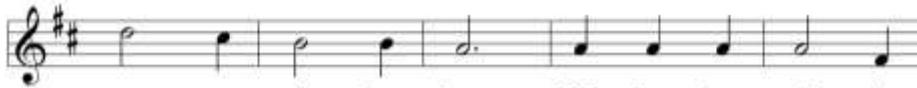


CLOSING HYMN

376 - Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
 ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
 on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
 man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
 all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 For me and all your hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.