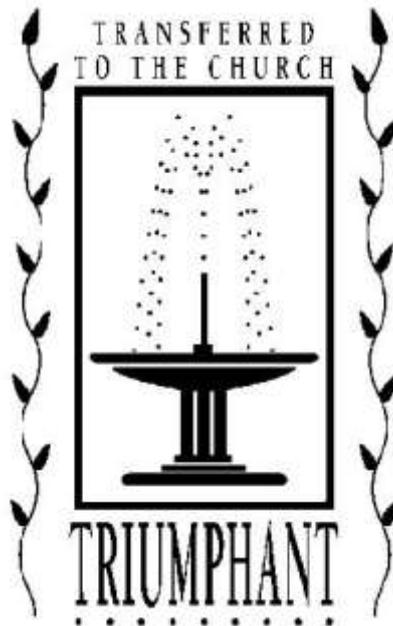


# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF END TIMES: SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

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## Worship Focus

**Lord Keep Us – Until We Join the Saints Triumphant**



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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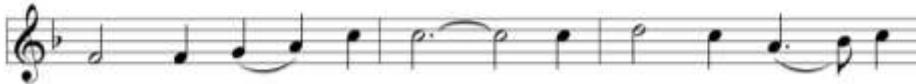
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## OPENING HYMN

215 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When  
2 When shall these eyes thy heav'n - built walls And  
3 Oh, when, thou cit - y of my God, Shall  
4 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there A -  
5 O Christ, do thou my soul pre - pare For



shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
pearl - y gates be - hold, Thy bul - warks with sal -  
I thy courts as - cend? Where ev - er - more the  
round my Sav - ior stand, And soon my friends in  
that bright home of love That I may see thee



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
va - tion strong And streets of shin - ing gold?  
an - gels sing, The Sab - bath has no end.  
Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.  
and a - dore With all thy saints a - bove,

Text: F. B. P., 16th century, abr., alt.

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## INVOCATION

### Minister

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



CongregationA - 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with a few rests.

### 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.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note 'A', a quarter note 'men', and a quarter note 'men'. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe,**

**A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heav'nly ray Lights up the dying bed.**

**Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.(405:1,5,6)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.



**M** Let us 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.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:1-6

Both saints on earth and saints in heaven can take comfort from God's promises in Isaiah to bring salvation "in that day."

ISAIAH 52:1 Awake, awake, O Zion,  
clothe yourself with strength.  
Put on your garments of splendor,  
O Jerusalem, the holy city.  
The uncircumcised and defiled  
will not enter you again.

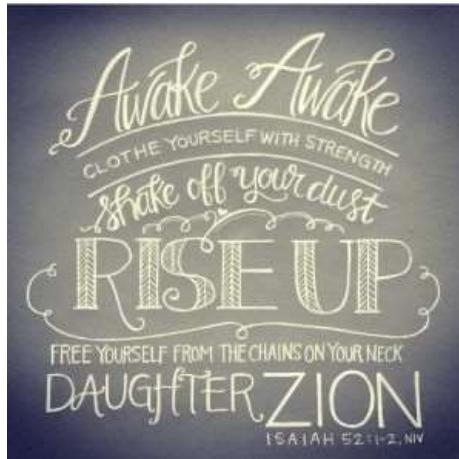
<sup>2</sup> Shake off your dust;  
rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem.  
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,  
O captive Daughter of Zion.

<sup>3</sup> For this is what the LORD says:  
“You were sold for nothing,  
and without money you will be redeemed.”

<sup>4</sup> For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:  
“At first my people went down to Egypt to live;  
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

<sup>5</sup>“And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD.  
“For my people have been taken away for nothing,  
and those who rule them mock, “  
declares the LORD.  
“And all day long  
my name is constantly blasphemed.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore my people will know my name;  
therefore in that day they will know  
that it is I who foretold it.  
Yes, it is I.”



# PSALM

# Psalm 84

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*Men will sing the first line of each verse, women the second line. All sing refrain and Gloria.*



(Men)How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*  
(Women)O LORD Al | mighty!

My soul yearns, | even faints,\*  
for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell | in your house;\*  
they are ever | praising you.

## *Refrain*

Better is one day | in your courts\*  
than a thousand | elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God\*  
than dwell in the tents of the | wicked.

O LORD Al | mighty,\*  
blessed are they who | trust in you.

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 LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Paul did not want the Thessalonians (nor us) to be ignorant concerning those saints who have already gone to glory. They will rise from death and join us in heaven.

<sup>13</sup> **THESSALONIANS 4:13** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words.

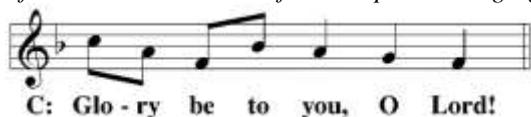
### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

In terms of Jesus' parable, when the Day of Judgment arrived five virgins were unprepared and remained condemned sinners while five were prepared and were welcomed into the feast of the saints.

MATTHEW 25:1<sup>1</sup>“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup>“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup>“ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

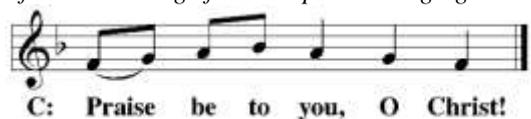
<sup>11</sup>“Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing."  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing.  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;



The watch - men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -  
 And all her heart with joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she  
 Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and



ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the  
 ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes  
 cym - bal's clear - est tone, Of one pearl each



wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 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  
 "Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,  
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has

glad - ness take!      Al - le - lu - ia!      With bri - dal care  
 God's own Son.      Hail! Ho - san - na!      The joy - ful call  
 ev - er caught      Such great glo - ry;      There - fore will we  
  
 Your - selves pre - pare      To meet the Bride - groom who is near."  
 We an - swer all      And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."  
 In vic - to - ry      Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

## SERMON

1 Peter 1:23-25

**The Scriptures are living and enduring**

# Saints Triumphant

## 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

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

**C** We too join them to praise your majesty.

**M** You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

**C** We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

**M** Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire.  
Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

**C** **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

**M** Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

**C** **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

**C** **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## 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.**

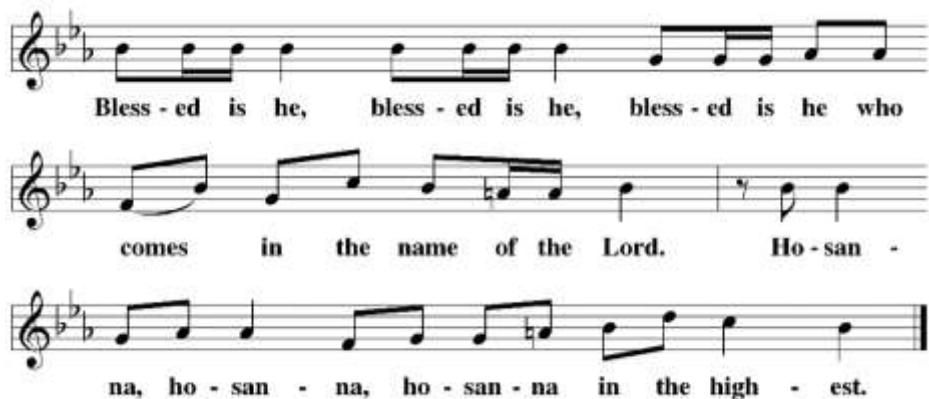
**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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.**





Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

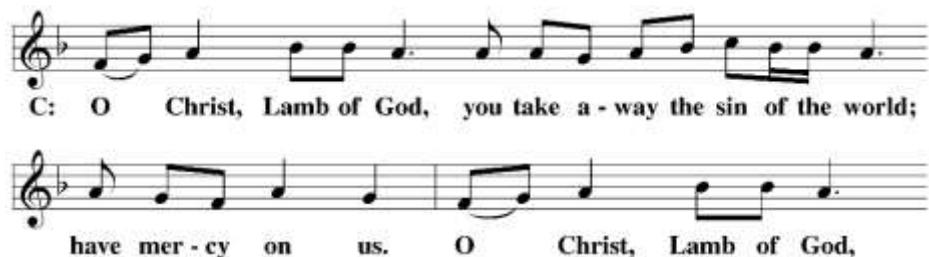
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - - - men.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

550 - Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white,  
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here;  
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest;

Like thou - sand snow - clad moun - tains bright;  
 But now, how glo - rious they ap - pear!  
 A thou - sand times you will be blessed

With palms they stand. Who is this band  
 Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest - ly band,  
 For keep - ing faith Firm un - to death

Be - fore the throne of light?  
 God's throne for - ev - er near.  
 And scorn - ing world - ly trust.

These are the saints of glo - rious fame,  
 So oft in trou - bled days gone by,  
 For now you live at home with God;

Who from the great af - flic - tion came  
 In an - guish they would weep and sigh;  
 You toiled and sowed the Word a - broad.

And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
 At home a - bove The God of love  
 Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and blame,  
 For - e'er their tears shall dry,  
 Be - fore the throne of God.

Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,  
 They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,  
 The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voices they in wor - ship raise,  
 The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest;  
 O saints, sing with that hap - py throng!

Their an - thems swell Where God does dwell  
 The Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board  
 Lift up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice

Mid an - gels' songs of praise.  
 Him - self is host and guest.  
 In our Re - deem - er's song.

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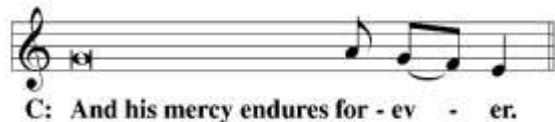
Tune: GREAT WHITE HOST (PM) Norwegian folk tune, 17th century.

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

213 - Forever with the Lord



1 For - ev - er with the Lord! A - men! So  
 2 While time on earth is spent, Ab - sent from  
 3 My Fa - ther's house on high, Home of my  
 4 Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I  
 5 So when my dy - ing breath Shall rend the



let it be. Life from the dead is  
 him I roam, Yet night - ly pitch my  
 soul, how near, At times, to faith's fore -  
 nev - er fail. If you up - hold me,  
 veil in two, By death I shall es -



in that word, My im - mor - tal - i - ty.  
 mov - ing tent A day's march near - er home.  
 see - ing eye The gold - en gates ap - pear!  
 I shall stand; With you I shall pre - vail.  
 cape from death To end - less life with you.

6 I'll know as I am known;  
 How shall I love that word  
 And oft repeat before the throne,  
 "Forever with the Lord!"

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, abr., alt.  
 Tune: SCHUMANN (SM) *Cantica Laudis*, Boston, 1850.

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



*Therefore keep  
watch, because you  
do not know the day  
or the hour.*

*Matthew 25:13*