

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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Scripture / Anticipation

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Order of Service: LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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The Service: Setting Four

✘ Gathering ✘

OPENING HYMN

639 - God Has Spoken by His Prophets



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, spo - ken his un - chang - ing Word,
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.
bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;
in the age - less Word de - clar - ing his own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was;
Thro' the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:



God is King, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light from Light, to earth de - scend - ing, he re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Be seated

SONG OF PRAISE

802 - All Is Well

Worship Team leads; congregation invited to sing as comfortable.



1 The sun beams on be - hind the clouds and
2 He feels our weak - ness, knows our need, and



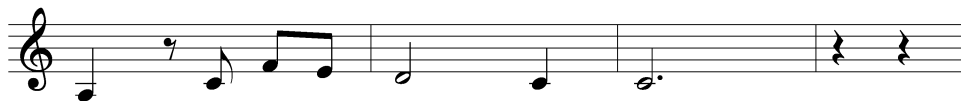
in the dark still grace a - bounds; all is well be-cause of
for our good he in - ter - cedes; all is well be-cause of



God's great love. The road of dis - ap - point - ment
God's great love. Through ev - 'ry fail - ure, ev - 'ry



runs where un - seen mer - cies wait for us, and all is
fear, the Lord of com - fort draws us near, and all is



well be-cause of God's great love.
well be-cause of God's great love.



How bright - ly shines the love of the Fa - ther in our Sav - ior,



Je - sus Christ. With faith - ful hands he ful - fills ev - 'ry

prom - ise; he will nev - er leave our side.

12

3 His com - ing soon will fill the sky and

all that's wrong will be made right; with

new - born eyes we will be - hold the glo - ry of the ris - en

Lord. All will be well be - cause of God's great love;

yes, all is well be - cause of God's great love. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1–3; 2:1–4

The LORD instructs the prophet Habakkuk to write down what he was about to hear God say. That revelation empowered God's people to anticipate God's deliverance.

HABAKKUK 1:1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. . .

. . . ^{2:1} I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

²Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

⁴"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 130B - Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Refrain



Tone



Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. **Refrain**

Tone



I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,
and in his word I / put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,
more than watchmen wait for the / morning.
Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.
He himself will redeem / Israel
from / all their sins.

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

Revelation 22:6–13

Christ is coming soon. In eager anticipation, we hold onto and make known what God revealed in his Word.

REVELATION 22:6 The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

7 “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. 9 But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

10 Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. 11 Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

12 “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

The Word of the Lord.


Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After an introduction, the congregation sings the refrain:

Refrain

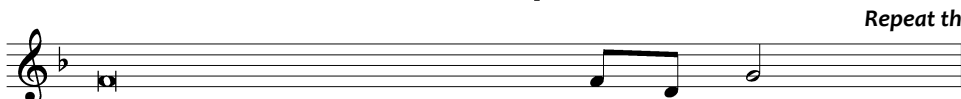


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone (sung by the cantor)



Therefore keep watch,



because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Repeat the refrain

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:35–40

Though we can't know when Jesus will return, we can be certain what will happen when he does. So, we watch and wait with anticipation.

LUKE 12:35⁴⁴ Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



HYMN OF THE DAY

487 - Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



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 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!

✠ Sermon ✠

Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:2-4

Wait for the Lord's Deliverance

1. in the face of evil
2. with the assurance of God's promise

Sermon notes:

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.

Be seated

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

Lord of glory, Light of the nations, King eternal, you sit on high in glory. Your kingdom will have no end. We wait for you, O Lord, we wait for you. **In your Word we put our hope.**

Build us up in our most holy faith, keep us in your grace and move us to reach out to others in love. Give us patience, endurance and faithfulness as we wait for your glorious return. We wait for you, O Lord, we wait for you. **In your Word we put our hope.**

Fill our hearts with urgency since the world in its present form is passing away and many do not know of the coming judgment. Move us to speak the truth in love and to share our faith with those who are perishing. We wait for you, O Lord, we wait for you. **In your Word we put our hope.**

Give strength and diligence to those who serve as your watchmen: pastors, elders and other leaders in the church, parents and Christian friends. Keep all your people faithful and watchful in these last days. We wait for you, O Lord, we wait for you. **In your Word we put our hope.**

Hold out the hope of life eternal for those who have little hope in this world, those who live with chronic sickness, those who suffer in sadness, and the dying. Give healing and relief in your time. *[Especially we pray for...]* Give patience as they wait for your deliverance. We wait for you, O Lord, we wait for you. **In your Word we put our hope.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you alone heal the wounds of our sins, and you show constant goodness in the Land of the Living. Grant that we may serve you faithfully with a quiet mind in this world, and going forth in your love, may praise and bless you forever in the world to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

493 - Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 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'ings 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 nigh.
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.

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

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. **Amen.**

THE
LORD
make his face to
SHINE
UPON YOU AND BE
GRACIOUS
TO YOU
Numbers 6:25

CLOSING HYMN

850 - It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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

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