

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF END TIMES: LAST JUDGEMENT

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Worship Focus

Lord Keep Us – For the Judgment Is Coming!



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

208 - Great God, What Do I See and Hear



1 Great God, what do I see and hear? The end of
2 The dead in Christ shall first a - rise At that last
3 But sin - ners filled with guilt - y fears Be - hold his
4 O Christ, you died, and yet you live; To me ac -



things cre - a - ted; The judge of man - kind shall ap - pear
trum - pet's sound - ing, Caught up to meet him in the skies,
wrath pre - vail - ing, For they shall rise and find their tears
count your mer - it, My par - don seal, my sins for - give,



On clouds of glo - ry seat - ed. The trum - pet
With joy their Lord sur - round - ing. No gloom - y
And sighs are un - a - vail - ing; The day of
And cleanse me by your Spir - it. Be - neath your



sounds; the graves re - store The dead which they con -
fears their souls dis - may; His pres - ence sheds e -
grace is past and gone; They trem - bling stand be -
cross I view the day When heav'n and earth shall



tained be - fore: Pre - pare, my soul, to meet him!
ter - nal day On those pre - pared to meet him.
fore his throne, All un - pre - pared to meet him.
pass a - way, And thus pre - pare to meet you.

Text: *Psalms and Hymns*, Sheffield, 1802, st. 1, alt.; William B. Collyer, 1782-1854, st. 2-4, alt.
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

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:

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.
Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see
The light of your splendor, your love's majesty! (240:1,4)**

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 Daniel 7:9,10

Daniel sees depicted the awesome courtroom scene of the Day of Judgment, with the Ancient of Days sitting in the judgment seat.

DANIEL 7:9 “As I looked,

“thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.”



PSALM

Psalm 90

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Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
throughout all gener | ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth | and the
world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has | just gone by,*
or like a watch | in the night. *Refrain*

You have set our iniquities be | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

You turn mortals | back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the | sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we | have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and | sorrow.

Teach us to number our | days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of | wisdom. *Refrain*

Satisfy us in the morning with your un | failing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad | all our days.

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 5:1-11

Paul urges the Thessalonians to be watchful and prepared as they await the coming of the Day of Judgment.

¹THESSALONIANS 5:1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus clearly lays out the events of the Day of Judgment. On that day all nations will stand before God and receive either an eternal inheritance or an eternal punishment.

¹MATTHEW 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him,

and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



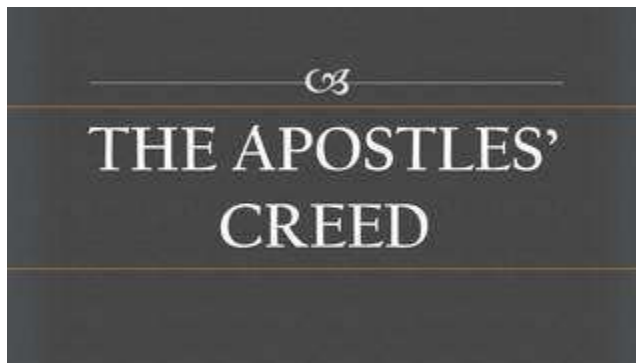
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

209 - Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning



1 Day of wrath, oh, day of mourn - ing!
 2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing;
 3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed,
 4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing,
 5 King of maj - es - ty tre - men - dous,



See ful - filled the proph - ets' warn - ing:
 All cre - a - tion is a - wak - ing,
 Where - in all has been re - cord - ed—
 Who for me be in - ter - ced - ing,
 Who does free sal - va - tion send us,



Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
 To its judge an an - swer mak - ing,
 Thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.
 When your mer - cy I am need - ing?
 Fount of pi - ty, then be - friend us.

6 Think, good Jesus—my salvation 7 On the cross your dying spared me;
 Caused your wondrous incarnation, Just and righteous you declared me;
 Made you suffer my damnation! I await the joy prepared me.

Text: attr. Thomas de Celano, c. 1190–c. 1260, abr., st. 1–6; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 7; tr. William J. Irons, 1812–83, st. 1–6, alt.
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 Tune: DIES IRAE (888) Latin melody, 13th century.

SERMON

Daniel 7:9,10

The _____ Courtroom, Ever!

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 Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C **Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**

M Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C **Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.**

M Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C **Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new.

May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C **Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. 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.**

SERMON HYMN

731 - The King Will Come at Age's End



1 The King will come at age - 's end,
 2 The book of life will name its names,
 3 All - glo - rious on his gleam - ing throne,
 4 And nights of tears, though late and long,
 5 A - men, a - men! Lord Je - sus, come!



The trum - pets trill, the heav - ens rend,
 Each bought by cross - 's bit - ter pain,
 The King will claim his saints, his own,
 Will dis - ap - pear in splen - did dawn,
 My Sav - ior fair, come bear me home.



Un - veil - ing new Je - ru - sa - lem.
 Each inked in blood and sealed in flame.
 And with them dwell and make a home.
 And deeps of death will all be gone.
 For you are King of kings a - lone!



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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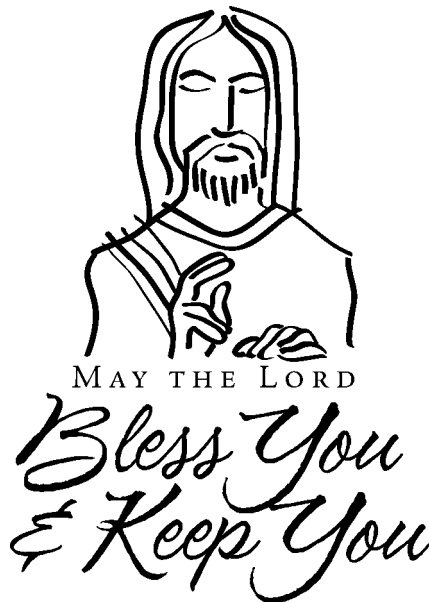
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PRAYER AND BLESSING

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

441 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
 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.

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.

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

“He will separate
people one
from another as
a shepherd
separates
the SHEEP from the GOATS.”

Matthew 25:32, NRSV

