

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 25, 2018



SERVICE OUTLINE

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INTROIT *Ps. 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: Peter 3:13b NIV*

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear | to my cry;*

hold not your peace at my tears!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

DAILY READINGS **November 25:** Dan. 5:1–30; Rev. 21:9–27; **26:** Dan. 6:1–28; Rev. 22:1–21; **27:** Is. 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12; **28:** Is. 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25; **29:** Is. 5:1–25; 1 Peter 2:1–12; **30:** Is. 6:1–7:9; 1 Peter 2:13–25; **December 1:** Is. 7:10–8:8; 1 Peter 3:1–22.

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4–6

4 “Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the
peoples.
5 My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like
manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be
dismayed.”

Epistle: Jude 20–25

20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up
in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy
Spirit; 21 keep yourselves in the love of
God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.
22 And have mercy on those who doubt;
23 save others by snatching them out of
the fire; to others show mercy with fear,
hating even the garment stained by the
flesh.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you
from stumbling and to present you
blameless before the presence of his
glory with great joy, 25 to the only God,

our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authori-
ty, before all time and now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24–37

24 [Jesus said:] “In those days, after that
tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the
moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars
will be falling from heaven, and the powers in
the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they
will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with
great power and glory. 27 And then he will
send out the angels and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to
the ends of heaven.

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon
as its branch becomes tender and puts out its
leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So
also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.
30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things take place.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.

32 “But concerning that day or that hour, no
one knows, not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on
guard, keep awake. For you do not know
when the time will come. 34 It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home and
puts his servants in charge, each with his
work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay
awake. 35 Therefore stay awake—for you do
not know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when
the cock crows, or in the morning—36 lest he
come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And
what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”