



Master Order of Service

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2024

No Time Indication denotes use for both services.

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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB #940)

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, we come to the last Sunday of the Church Year, a time when our focus is drawn to the Second Coming of our Lord and our entrance into the eternal reign of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, let us humble ourselves, seeking mercy and forgiveness for all our sins.
- C** **I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God.
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.**
- P** Gracious Lord, with contrite hearts we approach Your throne, seeking and imploring Your grace.
- C** **I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains.
Clean in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.**
- P** Look mercifully on us, O eternal Son of God, not because of any merit or worthiness of our own but for the sake of Your life, passions, death, and resurrection.
- C** **I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.**
- P** By the power of Your most holy name, forgive our sins. May the power Your Holy Spirit, renew us and lead us into paths of faithful service. For Your name's sake. Amen.
- C** **I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows share.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM

- P** Your throne is established from of old;
- C** **you are from everlasting.**
- P** The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
- C** **the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.**
- P** Yes, the world is established;
- C** **it shall never be moved.**
- P** Your throne is established from of old;
- C** **you are from everlasting.**
- P** The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice;
- C** **the floods lift up their roaring.**

P Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,
C the Lord on high is| mighty!
P Your decrees are very trustworthy;
C holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C and to the Holy Spirit;
P as it was in the beginning,
C is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Your throne is established from of old;
C you are from everlasting.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” (LSB #793)

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| <p>1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 To His feet your tribute bring;
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Evermore His praises sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.</p> | <p>2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
 To His people in distress;
 Praise Him still the same as ever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.</p> |
| <p>3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame He knows;
 In His hand He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Widely yet His mercy flows.</p> | <p>4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
 You behold Him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
 All who dwell in time and space.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace.</p> |

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P 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.
C Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴Give 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.
⁵My 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.
⁶Lift 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Jude 20-25

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

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless
before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus
Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and
forever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL TALK

(please stand)

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And 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. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven 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. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It 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. ³⁵Therefore 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—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON HYMN

"Glory Be to God the Father" (LSB #506)

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| <p>1 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!</p> | <p>3 Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory
To the King of glory sing!</p> |
| <p>2 Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain!</p> | <p>4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!</p> |

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89
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(please be seated)

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Stewardship Prayer :

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayers will end with...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

The prayers will conclude with...

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** We come now to feast of the Lord's Supper, a blessed meal in which our Lord Jesus gives us a testament of the forgiveness and life which is offered to all who come and partake of His body and blood. This testament has been sealed by His death and resurrection and serves us as living proclamation and distribution of all the benefits which Jesus has won for us by His sacrifice on the cross and His victory over the grave. Thus, we should discern the body and blood of our Lord as it is a true participation with the bread we break and the wine we drink. Indeed, it is right and proper that we recognize that this is no ordinary meal but that it is a sacrament of God's grace.

C We thank You, Lord, for gathering us as Your people to feed us this life giving meal. Fill us with joy as we approach this table and grant that we faithfully receive Your Son's body and blood, proclaim His death until He comes and live in true hope and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Distribution 1 : "Praise the Father, Praise the Son" (by Chris Tomlin)

Distribution 2 : LSB #655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Distribution 3 : LSB #622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" (st. 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8)

THE THANKSGIVING

P O blessed Lord, as we proclaimed Your death in our participation in this meal, grant that as we now depart we proclaim the new life that we have been given. Lead us by Your Spirit into a deeper knowledge of Your Word so that we may grow stronger in faith and trust and you and more zealous in our love for our neighbor; for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on You and be gracious to You. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior” (LSB #658)

- 1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing;
Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us
While living here below.
- 2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor,
The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten
The souls in error's night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior,
To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living,
That all Your name may know.
- 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion,
Bought dearly with Your blood;
Protect what You have chosen
Against the hellish flood.
Be always our defender
When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling,
Safe may Your Church be found.
- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see Your face.
- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor
In Your eternal light.