

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 14, 2021 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost | 8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)
(blue and green are hymnal colors)



WELCOMING WORD *November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
C: I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
L: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
C: it is you who up hold my lot.
L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
C: and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

+**HYMN #522 (Green)** - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another
Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Have mercy on us, O God.
C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our

neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

L: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also, with you.**

+ **KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 58 (Green) Glory to God...**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God,

C: **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” ¹⁷he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 13

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still

to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord
+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR “O Day of Peace” –

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN #294(Green) “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ APOSTLE’S CREED pg. 65 (Green)

BENEVOLENCE PRESENTATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY pg. 75(Green) *Create in me a clean heart...*

+LITANY FOR VETERAN’S DAY (As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: “Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”)

+ THE LORD’S PRAYER pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+HYMN#259 (Green) “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*”

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 13, Prayer for Deliverance

Tuesday, Hebrews 10:32-39, A Call to Persevere

Wednesday, Zechariah 12:1-13:1, Jerusalem's Victory

Thursday, Psalm 93, The Majesty of God's Rule

Friday, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, The Resurrection

Saturday, John 3:31-36. The One Who Comes from Heaven

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come." -Mark 13:7

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

- Why are we so obsessed with knowing the future, about the end times and what heaven is like?
- What temporary things do we become too attached to?
- How easily do we become alarmed over world events?

PRAY: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESS: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen.