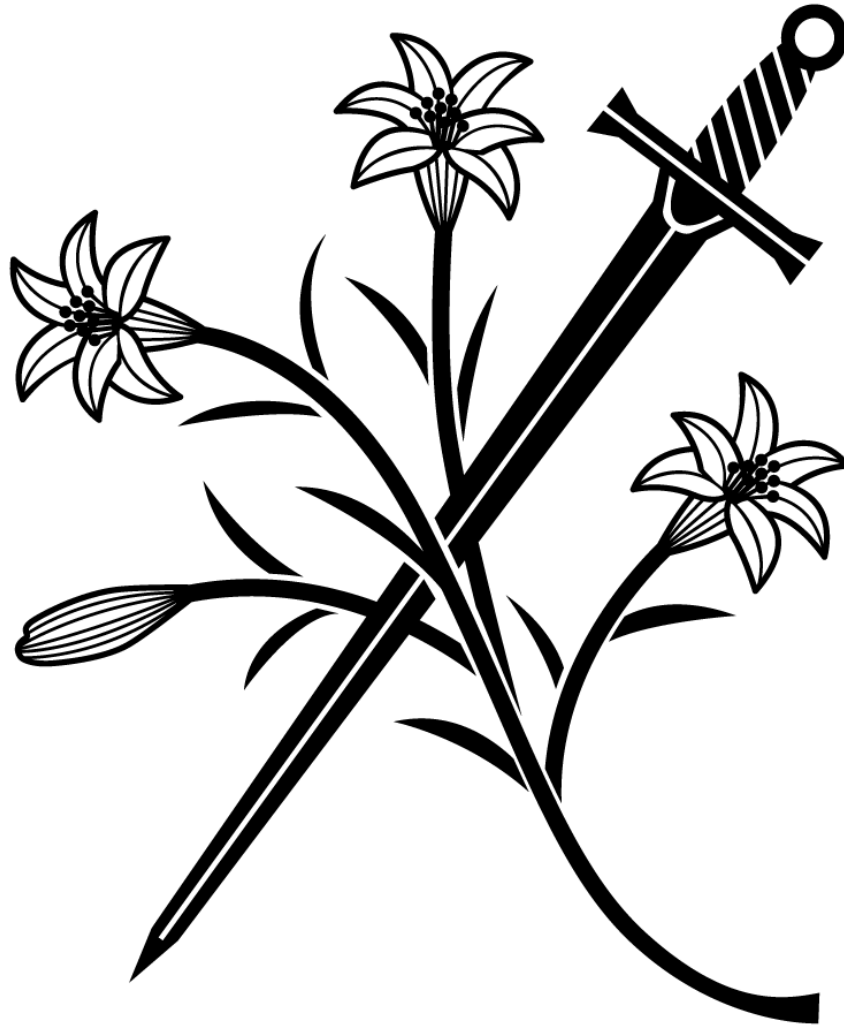


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THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE

THREAD: *Judgment produces perseverance for the suffering.*

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

CW 855



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

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.

Glory Be to God

CW 157

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

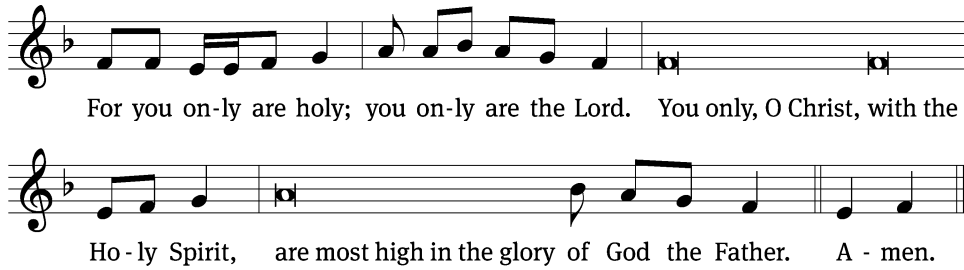
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 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.

Amen.

First Reading

Malachi 4

God's people were questioning whether to follow God since they didn't see immediate justice. Why serve a God who doesn't act now? Malachi relates a vivid picture of judgment. Justice will prevail, but in God's timing. The people will have final vindication over their oppressors. In the meantime, the Lord graciously allows time for repentance.

¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: All the Ends of the Earth

Psalm 98A

Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'ulous things;
his right hand and his / holy arm
have worked salvation / for him.
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with / music.
Let the rivers / clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together / for joy;
let them sing be- / fore the LORD,
for he comes to / judge the earth.
He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.

**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***

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

The Thessalonians were increasing in faith. The evidence for this was not that their lives were getting easier. Rather, the evidence was in their ability to persevere in trial and persecution. But they should not question that God will judge unrighteousness. Those who reject the natural knowledge of God or the gospel of Jesus will get what they desire. They will be shut out from the presence of the Lord. In the same way, those who believe the gospel of Jesus will get what they desire: an eternity with a just savior.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Be faithful, even to the point of death,

and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Herod's magnificent temple has been destroyed. But in the conflict between the world and the church, Christ's church and its members will ultimately always stand. When Christ returns in judgment, he will bring an end to all war and deliver victory to his people.

⁵Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on
plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and
earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 God's al - might - y, bound - less pow'r, be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 at the judg - e's stern com - mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 and for my sin was smitten;
 within the Book of Life I know
 my name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 and Satan cannot threaten me;
 there is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 but hasten our salvation;
 we often tremble on our way
 in fear and tribulation.
 Your saints are waiting patiently;
 come soon, Redeemer, make us free
 from ev'ry evil. Amen.

Sermon

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Face the World, Confident of God's Judgment

- 1) **The world opposes your faith**
 - a) What opposition did the Christians in Thessalonica endure and how did they face it?
 - b) What opposition from the world do you face as you live your Christian faith?
- 2) **God's judgment encourages your faith**

Describe the three aspects of God's judgment that encourage and strengthen us to face the world's opposition.

 - a) First: You are counted worthy in Christ
 - b) Second: God will justly judge
 - c) Third: On Judgment Day, we enter into an eternity with Christ
- 3) **Faith lives for Jesus now while awaiting the amazement of heaven**

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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.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture.

Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

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Let us pray:

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

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.

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

CW 770



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry,
sail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age lest we miss your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Silent Prayer – Announcements

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