



Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:
-Jeremiah 26:2 KJV

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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme

JUDGMENT / RELIEF

Because of our sins, the threat of God's judgment terrifies. But for all who look to Jesus in faith, the thought of God's judgment brings relief. How so? Because God's judgment will rescue believers from all the wrong they experience on this evil earth so that it can never harass them again. Until that day, God calls us to be patient, willingly to suffer injustice now for Christ's sake as He calls the world to repentance through us before it's too late.

488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488 sts. 1-5



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
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was



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
 smit - ten; with - in the Book of Life I know my name has



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
 now been writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, 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.
 Sa - tan can - not threat - en me; there is no con - dem - na - tion!

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

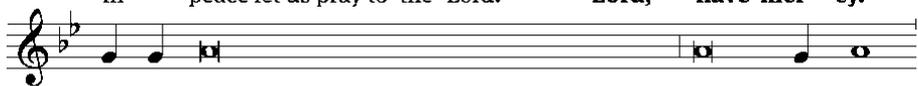
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



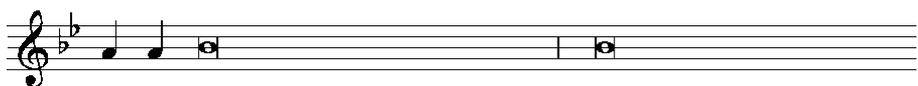
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

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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

Jeremiah 26:1–6

Jeremiah was sent to warn Judah of God's judgment in the hope that they would repent. If not, God's just judgment would fall on them.

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, the following word came from the LORD.

²This is what the LORD says. Stand in the courtyard of the LORD's house, and speak to people from the cities and towns of Judah who have come to worship at the House of the LORD. Tell them everything I have commanded you to tell them. Do not hold back a single word. ³Maybe they will listen, and everyone will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not bring about the disaster that I was planning because of the evil things they have done.

⁴You are also to say this to him.

This is what the LORD says. If you will not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, ⁵and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (but you have not listened), ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make the name of this city a curse word for all the nations of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

98A All the Ends of the Earth

Psalm 98A

Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er 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 Thessalonian Christians were suffering persecution. To empower their perseverance, Paul assures them of the coming judgment and punishment.

⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. ⁶Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, ⁷and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, ¹⁰on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Alleluia!

Jesus instructs us, when persecuted, not to seek vengeance. Instead, we are to stand firm and persevere, confident in the justice of coming judgment.

⁵As some were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, ⁶“These things that you see here—the days will come when there will not be one stone left on another—every one will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign that these things are about to happen?”

⁸He said, “Watch out so that you are not deceived! For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹Whenever you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not be right then.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be horrifying sights and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³It will turn out to be your opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand how to defend yourselves, ¹⁵for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all people for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By patient endurance you will gain your lives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

490 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

CW 490



1 The clouds of judg-ment gath - er, the time is grow-ing late;
2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; let wrong give way to right,
3 The home of fade-less splen - dor, of blooms that bear no thorn,
4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, re - lief for all dis-tressed,



be so - ber and be watch - ful, our judge is at the gate:
and pen - i - ten - tial shad - ow to Je - sus' bless - ed light:
where they shall dwell as chil - dren who here as ex - iles mourn;
true vi - sion of true beau - ty, re - fresh-ment for the blest!



the judge who comes in mer - cy, the judge who comes in might
the light that has no eve - ning, that knows no moon or sun,
the peace of all the faith - ful, the calm of all the blest,
Strive now to win that glo - ry, toil now to gain that light;



to put an end to e - vil and di - a - dem the right.
the light so new and gold - en, the light that is but one.
in - vi - o - late, un - fad - ing, di - vin - est, sweet-est, best.
send hope a - head to grasp it till hope be lost in sight.

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Sermon

Jeremiah 26:1-6

Listen to the LORD.

- 1) He wants you to repent
- 2) He wants you to trust in His mercy

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

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we
have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Remembrance Day Prayer

King of kings, we remember with solemn gratitude those who have fallen in the wars of this world and their sacrifice on our behalf. Bring comfort to all who still mourn and miss them. Lead us to do whatever we can to help them in their loneliness and need. May the memory of these fallen servicemen and women never be taken for granted among us. Instead, help us make good use of the freedom they fought to protect by living in peace and harmony with one another.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

492 A Few More Years Shall Roll

CW 492



- 1 A few more years shall roll, a few more sea-sons come,
- 2 A few more suns shall set o'er these dark hills of time,
- 3 A few more storms shall beat on this wild rock-y shore,
- 4 A few more strug-gles here, a few more part-ings o'er,
- 5 'Tis but a lit-tle while and he shall come a-gain,



and we shall be with those that rest a-sleep with-in the tomb.
and we shall be where suns are not, a far se-ren-er clime.
and we shall be where tem-pests cease, and surg-es swell no more.
a few more toils, a few more tears, and we shall weep no more.
who died that we might live with him, who lives that we might reign.

Refrain

Then, O my Lord, pre - pare my soul for that blest day;
 O wash me in your pre - cious blood, and take my sins a - way.

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Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 T give you peace.

Amen.

869 Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
broth - ers, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod.
but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main.
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
this through count - less a - ges saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

November 16 - Peter / November 23 - Barnabas

Compassion Sunday

On November 23, Pastor Dan Sims from Christian Aid and Relief (CAR) will lead worship at 10:30 am. Before the service (at 9:00 am), he will give a presentation on the work CAR does and how it could support our congregation in its local compassion ministry.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (9) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*

We (12) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Fr (15) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship

Su (16) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study
10:30 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
5:00 pm Christmas Parade

Open house at Church after the Parade

Tu (18) 6:00 pm Elders Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (19) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Pastor Sullivan will be gone from Nov. 21 – Dec. 2

Su (23) 9:00 am Christian Aid and Relief Presentation
10:30 am Worship with Pastor Dan Sims
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*



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