

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – NOVEMBER 13, 2022

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY THE SOLOMON FAMILY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JANE SOLOMON.

READINGS: MALACHI 4:1-3; PSALM 98; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13; LUKE 21: 5-9; 12-15; 16, 18-19

Organ: Make a Joyful Noise - Robert Hobby

Hymn 7, Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies, Christ the True, The Only Light

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest; music, Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.** Let us pray.

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of darkness and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Having this hope, let us purify ourselves as he is pure, so that when he comes again with power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

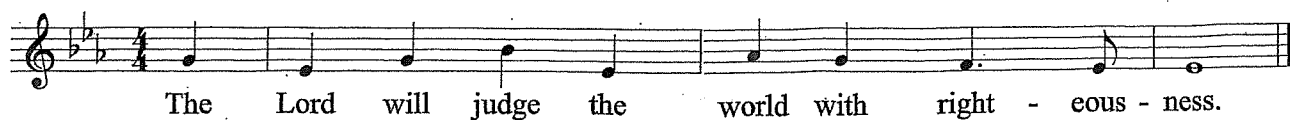
A Reading from the Prophet Malachi

In our first lesson, the prophet Malachi tells of a day of foreboding and doom when all evildoers will be consumed.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 is a song of thanksgiving and praise. The Cantor sings the refrain; all repeat and sing at R



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Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **R.**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. **R.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **R.**

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians

In this lesson, Paul speaks of those who are so expectant that the Lord will come soon that they have given up their daily work. He reminds them of his own example that such people should work.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

all stand

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs. Alleluia! (5x)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was in the temple, and he heard some speaking about the it, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God. He said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

What do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prayer will be offered for our church, our nation, our world; for all in need or want, and for those who have died.

The people will be asked to add their own petitions and thanksgivings; the petitions are gathered together with:

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God, our God, you hear our cry and listen to our prayer. Listen to all we have asked for this morning, that you will hear our petitions and forgive our sins. Grant that we may know that our redeemer lives and, trusting in you, be confident that we will not be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem: Have Mercy - Lee Dengler

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy. He was despised, rejected of men; a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. We despised Him. We esteemed Him not. Lord have mercy, etc. O Lord have mercy. All we like sheep have gone away. Each one has turned to his own way. Yet the Lord on Him did lay the iniquity of us all. Kyrie eleison, etc.

Hymn 596, Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor, Lord of Lords and King of Kings

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We lift our hearts to you in praise and thanksgiving . . . And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and all the company of heaven, joining with them in singing their unending hymn of joy and praise:



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion: Hymn 335, I Am the Bread of Life

After all have received Communion, please stand and pray together:

Gracious God; In this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished
by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

May God bless us and keep us; May God smile on us with favor and grace;
May God look upon us, face to face, and give us all fullness of life. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 615, "Thy Kingdom Come!" On Bended Knee the Passing Ages Pray

Organ: Journey of Faith - Susan Bryerson

Our Mission: We share the light of Christ by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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