

Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴“Give 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.”

The Epistle Reading – 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.

The Gospel Lesson – Mark 13:24-37

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.”

Propers for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

Introit

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,
The home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;
Let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,
And my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?
My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;
Hold not your peace | at my tears!

**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.**

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Collect Prayer

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.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

*They have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood | of the Lamb.*

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,
In whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

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Weekly Prayer Requests

Tim Brammeier Recovering At Home From Covid
Cliff Keller Recovering From Kidney Transplant Surgery
Denise Barth Deann Benningfield's Sister – Recovering From Kidney Transplant Surgery
Phyllis Clemens' Family Mourning Death of Phyllis' Aunt, Evelyn Paul
Danette (Brown) Walter's Family Former Member – Mourning Her Death
Ruth Williams Erma Altis' Aunt – Alzheimer's & Recovering From A Fall
Beth Johnson Friend of Doris Mann – Hospitalized
Diane Jordison Mary Ellett's Sister-In-Law – Cancer

The following people are being treated for cancer: *Angela*, friend of Sandi Walworth; *Amy Davis*, *Ben Owens*, *Mike & Pat Owens' Son*; *Ellen Boyles*, *Mark Young's sister*; *Kimberly Murphy*; *Janice*, *Karen Soutter's sister*; *Margaret Sturdevant*, *Penny Harris sister-in-law*; *Harold Bradley*, *Marcie Barth's brother*.

Ongoing Concerns:

In Nursing Home: *Roberta Maxell*, *Jim Hargrave's mother*, *Evelyn Paul*, *Phyllis Clemens' sister-in-law*.

Elaine Roth Lee Wathen's Sister-In-Law – Recovering From Stroke
Mike Owens Chronic Breathing Problems
Susie Gaddis Erma Altis' Sister – Recovering From A Stroke
John Pevehouse Friend of The Newmans – in Hospice Care Due to Brain Disease
Casey Freeman Mike & Pat Owens' Grandson – Ongoing Problems With Cystic Fibrosis
Cynthia Johnson Friend of Pat Owens – Multiple Health Problems

The following people are being treated for cancer: *Sherry Einerson & Barbara*, friend of *Diane Schmidt*; *Jim Mathis*, friend of *Gary & Susan Shields*; *Becky Schrivener*, friend of the *Howards* and the *Diaz*; *David Roesch*, *Jackie Augur's cousin*; *Dylan Moody*, son of *Bill Moore's co-worker*; *Zach Coleman*, friend of *Lacey Mayes*; and *Amy Jordison*, *Mary Ellett's Niece*;

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Prayer of The Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Church, that God would give us grace to serve Him with reverence and awe, granting us faith to endure to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the pastors in our circuit, district and Synod, that God would give them the words to testify to His love in Christ Jesus and the hope that is in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the troubled in mind and spirit, that God would give them strength to cast every care on Him and give them quietness of heart through a firm trust in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, that God would place them into the family of His Church to find peace in Christ and fulfillment through loving service to their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our nation, that they might walk in the way of justice and truth, using the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent; and for those who seek only to fill their own belly, that they might be brought to repentance and led to serve the citizens of our Republic in God pleasing ways: let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are threatened by natural disasters, wars, famines and troubles of any kind, that God would fill all hearts with repentance and humility to trust Him in every circumstance of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the hungry, that they would be filled with good things; for the poor and unemployed, that they may find gainful employment; for the sick, especially those who have sought our prayers, including _____, that they may be healed; for those who mourn, that they might be comforted; and for those who travel, that God would watch over them and lead them safely to their destination, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who Commune this day, that with a repentant heart and faith they would be worthy to receive true Christ's body and blood this day, not to their judgment but for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for all who have departed this life in faith, that as we see the signs of our Lord's Second Coming, we would not lose heart, but remain faithful unto death, and receive the crown of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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