

HYMNS AND READINGS: November 28, 2021

**Processional Hymn 57 “Lo, he comes with clouds descending”**

*Helmsley*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**Offertory Hymn 73 “The King shall come when morning dawns”**

*St. Stephen*

1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

2 Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

3 The King shall come when morning dawns and earth’s dark night is past;  
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e’er shall last;

4 and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,  
when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

**Communion Hymn LEVAS 103 “Steal Away to Jesus”**

**Negro Spiritual**

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home, I ain’t got long to stay here!*

1 My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder;  
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain’t got long to stay here. *Refrain*

2 Green trees are bending, Poor sinner stands a-trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain’t got long to stay here. *Refrain*

3 Tomb stones are bursting, Poor sinner stands a-trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain’t got long to stay here. *Refrain*

4 My Lord calls me, He calls me by the lightning,  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

**Recessional Hymn 640 "Watchman, tell us of the night"**

*Aberystwyth*

1 Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

**The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi***

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."