

purpose, and at the death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Temple lost all value. Both to prove that He was a Prophet, and to prove that the Messiah had already come to the Temple, Jesus proclaimed and God fulfilled the destruction of the Temple. It was thrown down, in AD 70 and the Muslims built the Dome of the Rock, on the site in AD 691. Jesus moved from present, to future, to the end of the world and back in His discourse of Luke 21. It isn't always easy to keep track of which is which. Take heart in the fact that Jesus told us that everything necessary for the end of the world has been set in place (by His work.) Now we await His return.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

® O Almighty God our heavenly Father, You are Holy and righteous. Your glory fills the sky, and Your power holds the universe together. Your mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and Your truth endures throughout all generations. Be with Your people at all times and in all places, Lord, and hear us now as we bring our petitions and give voice to our intercession.

We thank You for all Your mercy. Your kindness is new each day. We praise You for the light of Your Word, by which You have illuminated our darkness. We glorify You for all the benefits You continue to give us in this life. We most heartily thank You for the gift of the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus Christ, Who took on the form of our servant, humbling Himself as a man, being obedient to death—the death on the cross—in order that we would receive release from the punishment of our sin, and being thus absolved, have the assurance of life everlasting with the certainty of the resurrection of our bodies on the last day.

Deliver us from the tribulations of this world with its false christs and false prophets, its heresies and divisions, its lies and deceit, its wars and oppression, its fighting and calamities, its bloodshed and pain. Grant that we would hide from all of these works of oppression in the body of Christ.

We ask You to look in mercy, this day, on all the sick and any who are stricken in body, mind, or spirit. Set Your presence for all those for whom we pray, heal them according to Your Love and their need, and if it be Your will that they we must continue with our "thorns" give us the patience to endure and the peace to carry on in our place.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

Forgive us for the sake of Christ. Give us the peace that passes understanding that our joy and expectation can never fade away. All this in we ask for in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

© Amen.

PROPER TWENTY-EIGHT

Chant Tone



Introit

Heaven and Earth will | pass away,*
but My words will not | pass away.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my — help come?
My help comes | from the Lord,*
Who made | Heaven and Earth.

The Lord is your — keeper;*
the Lord is your shade on your
— right hand.

The Lord will keep you from all — evil;*
He will | keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and
your | coming in*
from this time forth and
for — evermore.

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.

Heaven and Earth will | pass away,*
but My words will not | pass away.

(Antiphon, Luke 21:33;
Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8)

Collect of the Day

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You 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.

(Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5)

ENTRANCE PRAYER: O merciful Father, You are a refuge for us in the time of trouble. As long as You are before us, we shall not be moved. Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice because in You we have security. In Your presence is the fullness of joy and in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Your prophets of old and Your Son have warned us of troubles coming into the world. Many of these prophecies have already been fulfilled. Keep us in Your grace that we may be ready in the hour of the end. Prepare our church to meet with courage the days ahead, and send out the Gospel that all may know Jesus as Lord and as Savior. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

NOVEMBER BRINGS THE LAST SUNDAYS OF THE CHURCH YEAR. We take time to remind ourselves of the end of the world, the time of the Resurrection, when Christ will take us to live with Him in the eternal kingdom of Heaven with God. We extend the right hand of friendship and love to all who have been called out by God to worship today. Worship is a time of wonder, a time of participation given to us by God for the time we live in His earthly kingdom. It is an awesome wonder in that we have been called out by God and allowed to bring our worship before Him. We worship in this time of suffering before we are transferred to that kingdom that cannot be shaken, the kingdom triumphant.

THEME OF THE DAY:

The End of The World

INTROIT—(Antiphon, Luke 21:33;) Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8

The Gradual was written in 1968. The Epistle Lesson was moved here from the Third last Sunday, (having been created in 1968) The other lessons are new to our reading cycle. In effect, everything about our Propers are new to this Sunday. The Antiphon to our Introit is from the Gospel Lesson and will be covered below. Psalm 121 was written by David during a time of travel. David was seeking the protection of God for the dangers that can come up when we travel. The Lord will keep us from harm. He will cover us with all good things and watch over our life.

COLLECT

We ask that, in Jesus, we would live now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Malachi 4:1-6

The people who put together our current cycle of readings did an interesting thing using the last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament on this the second last Sunday of the church year. Malachi happens to have been the last of Prophets (having been a contemporary of Nehemiah.) Our use comes from the, "day is coming," reference, (which sets our minds on the end of the world, and the connection to John (the Baptist,) and Jesus' ministry from the end of the chapter. The end of the world is a fearful thing to the lost, but to the saved it is, "the sun of righteousness."

GRADUAL—Revelation 7:14b, Psalm 84:5

Those who have come out of the tribulation of this world are those who have been given faith. These people praise God for all they have been given. Revelation 7 tells us the number of the saved. As such it is of great encouragement. Psalm 84, by the Sons of Korah was written for worship. Our faith is the highway that has been laid out in our heart to take us to Heaven.

EPISTLE LESSON—2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Paul gave us a similar message to Malachi, to be, "delivered from wicked and evil men." Although Paul intended to calm down the end-of-the-world furor that he created with the first letter, he wanted to keep alive the striving of sanctified righteousness. The Old Testament people had grown weary and some had even given up on the Messiah. Paul wants to ensure that we will not grow weary or give up on the promise made by Jesus that He will come again to gather us to Heaven.

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 21:5-36

God promised the Old Testament people that the Temple would endure so that the Messiah would come to His house. So, the Temple served its