



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 4:1–6*

*“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear 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.*

*“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.*

*“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord,

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*(Psalm 50:2–3a, 5)*

**P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

**C** “Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*  
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

**Choral Response** *“Arise the Kingdom is at Hand”*

Senior Choir

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 15:4–13*

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

*For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord,

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And 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, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

*And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*

*"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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**Sermon Hymn:** *“Once He Came in Blessing”*

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**Sermon**

**Offertory**

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**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface - Sanctus - Lord’s Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord - Pax Domini - Agnus Dei**

**Distribution Hymns:**

*“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”*

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*“Now, My Tongue, The Mystery Telling”*

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*“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”*

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**Nunc Dimittis - Thanksgiving - Post-Communion Collect**

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**Salutation - Benedicamus - Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

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