

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1-20

(Due to the length, this reading is not printed. You are invited to listen.)

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

(Psalm 74:4,2a)

P Your foes have roared in the midst of your | meeting place;*
they set up their own | signs for signs.

C Remember your congregation,
which you have pur- | chased of old,*
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

Choral Response: *“Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement”*

(School Choir)

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:15-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: *“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”*

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Offertory

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Lord's Prayer - The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini - Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns:

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

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"Jerusalem, O City Fair and High"

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"As Surely as I live," God Said

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Post-Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect - Benediction

Closing Hymn: *"The Clouds of Judgement Gather"*

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