

# Last Judgment

November 8, 2020

## Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## Confession & Absolution

M: Dear Friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and for the good I have failed to do, You should cast me out from your presence forever! O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died, Christ is risen.

C: **Christ will come again!**

M: In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of God the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Hymn: Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying**

**CW 206**

## Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy)

M: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **O Lord, Have mercy on us.**

M: For the spread of Your live-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **O Christ, Have mercy on us.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **O Lord, Have mercy on us.**

M: Lord of life, live in us, so that we may live for You.

C: **Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation! We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation. Your saints are waiting patiently; come soon Redeemer and make us free from every evil. Amen.

Christian Worship 207 - verse 6

# Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: Jerusalem the Golden (Traditional Melody)

Ewing  
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1. All glo - ry, praise and hon - or to God who reigns on high, And peace to all his
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, our Sa - vior, Who is the Fa - ther's Son, You take a - way our
3. All glo - ry, praise and hon - or to God who reigns on high, And peace to all his



peop - le who here on earth a - bide. Lord God, our King and Fath - er, we  
sin, Lord, You are the Lamb of God. We know that you are seat - ed at  
peop - le who here on earth a - bide. Lord God, our King and Fath - er, we



wor - ship and a - dore, we praise you for Your glor - ry, both now and ev - er more.  
God's right hand on high; re-ceive our prayer we pray Lord, please hear fer-vent cry.  
wor - ship and a - dore, we praise you for Your glor - ry, both now and ev - er more!

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

### 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Daniel 7:9,10

<sup>9</sup> "As I looked,

"thrones were set in place,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;

the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,

and its wheels were all ablaze.

<sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing,

coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,

and the books were opened.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know

very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

<sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For

those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

## **The Apostle's Creed**

### **Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning**

**CW 209**

#### **Sermon**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

#### **Cause and Effect**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

<sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

#### **Prayer of the Church**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*.....Called by His Mercy + Saved by His Grace ...*

**G** Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

**M:** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, you have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read them, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by Your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen

**Hymn: Forever With the Lord**

**CW 213**

.....Called by His Mercy + Saved by His Grace ...

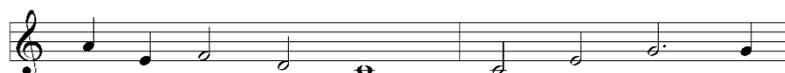
## 206 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing,  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;



The watch - men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -  
 And all her heart with joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she  
 Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and



ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the  
 ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes  
 cym - bal's clear - est tone. Of one pearl each



wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the



cry re - joice: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes— a - wake! Your lamps with  
 "Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,  
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has



glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care  
 God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call  
 ev - er caught Such great glo - ry; There - fore will we



Your - selves pre - pare To meet the Bride - groom who is near."  
 We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."  
 In vic - to - ry Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

## 209 Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning



1 Day of wrath, oh, day of mourn - ing!  
 2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing;  
 3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed,  
 4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing,  
 5 King of maj - es - ty tre - men - dous,



See ful - filled the proph - ets' warn - ing:  
 All cre - a - tion is a - wak - ing,  
 Where - in all has been re - cord - ed—  
 Who for me be in - ter - ced - ing  
 Who does free sal - va - tion send us,



Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.  
 To its judge an an - swer mak - ing.  
 Thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.  
 When your mer - cy I am need - ing?  
 Fount of pi - ty, then be - friend us.

6 Think, good Jesus—my salvation      7 On the cross your dying spared me;  
 Caused your wondrous incarnation,      Just and righteous you declared me;  
 Made you suffer my damnation!      I await the joy prepared me.

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## Forever with the Lord



1 For - ev - er with the Lord! A - men! So  
 2 While time on earth is spent, Ab - sent from  
 3 My Fa - ther's house on high, Home of my  
 4 Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I  
 5 So when my dy - ing breath Shall rend the



let it be. Life from the dead is  
 him I roam, Yet night - ly pitch my  
 soul, how near At times, to faith's fore -  
 veil - er fail. If you up - hold me,  
 veil in two, By death I shall es -



in that word, My im - mor - tal - i - ty.  
 mov - ing tent A day's march near - er home.  
 see - ing eye The gold - en gates ap - pear!  
 I shall stand; With you I shall pre - vail.  
 cape from death To end - less life with you.

6 I'll know as I am known;  
 How shall I love that word  
 And oft repeat before the throne,  
 "Forever with the Lord!"

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.  
 Tune: SCHUMANN (SM) *Cantica Laudis*, Boston, 1850.

### Background on Hymn 206: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sourced from *Christian Worship: Handbook*, NPH, 1997, p. 234, 800.

This powerful and familiar hymn, often referred to as the “King of Chorales,” was written while Philipp Nicolai was pastor at Unna in Westphalia when the dreaded bubonic plague raged there from July 1597 to January 1598, during which time nearly 1,300 people died. Nicolai is supposed to have conducted burials for up to 30 victims per day in his

churched during the month of August. In the preface to his “Mirror of Joy of Life Eternal” (*FrewdenSpiegel des ewigen Lebens*) he wrote:

Then day by day I wrote out my meditations, found myself, thank God, wonderfully well, comforted in heart, joyful in spirit, and truly content; I gave to my manuscript the name and title of a Mirror of Joy, and took this, thus composed, to leave behind me (if God should call me from the world) as the token of my peaceful, joyful, Christian departure, or (if God should spare me in health) to comfort other sufferers whom He should also visit with the pestilence. . . . Now has the gracious, holy God most mercifully preserved me amid the dying from the dreadful pestilence, and wonderfully spared me beyond all my thoughts and hope. . . . O Jesus, how I wish that I might speak of Thee in shouts of joy like those of the choirs of angels! O how happy I should be to use my thoughts and talents in the service of Thy praise. How devoutly I should sing angelic hymns with heavenly melodies in the midst of the Christian congregation to Thy glory and honor forever!