

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 141. **Tuesday** 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1. **Wednesday** Ezekiel 43:1-12. **Thursday** (commemoration of Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, 1231) Psalm 46. **Friday** 1 Peter 1:3-9. **Saturday** Luke 18:15-17. **Christ the King** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

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Celebrate

Sunday, November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

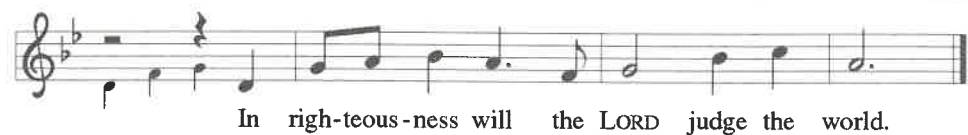
Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will

leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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- Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
 whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
- ²**O Lord, you have made ¹ known your victory,
 you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
 to the ¹ house of Israel;
 all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
 lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing. **R****
- ⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
 with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
 shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
 the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
- ⁸**Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 who comes to ¹ judge the earth.**
- ⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
 and the peo- ¹ ples with equity. **R**

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we

do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there

will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."