



“Divine Dementia”
Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:00AM
Worship Service

AS WE GATHER

Like the disciples of old, we look around us and presume that our accomplishments will endure. But even now, they are falling, brick upon brick. There is no repairing a world that must be replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. The urgent need is not to predict when these things will happen, but to endure when they do come. The world is in labor until God delivers His eternal kingdom, but you are not of the world. You belong to the Lord. Through your witness, the elect of many nations will be called by the Spirit through the preaching of the Word. The world will reject you, but you belong to God. He who endures in this faith to the end will be saved.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Chapel Bells”

Dare

WELCOME

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“In the Garden”

arr. McChesney

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King,
 Help us Thy name to sing;
 Help us to praise;
 Father all-glorious,
 O'er all victorious,
 Come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.

- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
 Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy people bless,
 And give Thy Word success,
 And let Thy righteousness
 On us descend.

- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour!
 Thou, who almighty art,
 Now rule in ev'ry heart,
 And ne'er from us depart,
 Spirit of pow'r.

- △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
 Eternal praises be
 Hence evermore!
 Thy sov'reign majesty

May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b

P The one who endures to the end

C will be saved.

P Let Mount Zion be glad!

C Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

P Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

C consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

P that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

C He will guide us forever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** The one who endures to the end
C will be saved.

KYRIE (Sung)

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1–3

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:11–25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise

against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN of the DAY

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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SERMON

"Divine Dementia"

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

That the Lord grant safety and blessing to His Church, that standing firm upon the ground of His promise and washed in the blood of our Savior, we would endure to the end in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P elected and appointed civil servants who heed His Word, protect us from our enemies, and enable us to worship the Lord and serve our neighbor, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would open our eyes to the needs of the poor, advocate for the cause of life, preserve the aged and infirm, and be faithful witnesses to our children, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would grant to our pastor the wisdom that comes down from above, so that the Word of God be preached with all truth and conviction and that we may hear and believe God's Word, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would deliver the sick from illness, the troubled from their afflictions, the dying from fear, and the grieving from sorrow, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would fill us with gratitude for all of His gifts, a spirit of generosity to support the poor, and a spirit of delight to return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would grant us hearts filled with faith and repentance, that receiving the holy body and blood of our Savior in this Holy Communion we would be strengthened and comforted both now and even to everlasting life; let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would deliver us from persecution and error and that we, standing upon the firm ground of Christ's death and resurrection, would endure to the day of His coming when, with all those who have gone before, we shall be reunited, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

LSB 917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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