

# LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR

## Sunday of the Fulfillment



On this final Sunday in the Church Year, the cry goes forth from God: "Behold, I am coming soon!" The faithful believer listens, responds, and is ready for the Coming One.

### Introit



We are looking forward to a new  
heaven and a new earth,\*  
the home of righteousness.

Show me, O Lord, my life's end and  
the number of my days;\*  
let me know how fleeting is my life.  
You have made my days a mere  
handbreadth; the span of my years is as  
nothing before you.\*

Each man's life is but a breath.  
But now, Lord, what do I look for?\*

My hope is in you.

Save me from all my transgressions;\*  
do not make me the scorn of fools.  
Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my  
cry for help;\*  
be not deaf to my weeping.

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

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*(Antiphon, 2 Peter 3:13b;  
Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a)*

### Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son, we pray, that he may lead home his bride, the Church, that we with all the redeemed may enter into your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;\*  
they have washed their robes and made them white in the  
blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,\*  
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. *(Rev. 7:14; Ps. 84:5)*

### For Daily Devotions

November 24: Ps. 144; Matt. 15-16; 25: Ps. 145; Matt. 17-18; 26: Ps. 146; Matt. 19-20; 27: Ps. 147; Matt. 21-22;  
28: Ps. 148; Matt. 23-24; 29: Ps. 149-150; Matt. 25-26; 30: Ex. 15:1-18; Matt. 27-28.

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### **Malachi 3:14-18**

“You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.’ ”

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

“They will be mine,” says the LORD Almighty, “in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”

### **Revelation 22:6-13**

The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy.”

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

### **Luke 12:42-48**

The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, ‘My master is taking a long time in coming,’ and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

“That servant who knows his master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”