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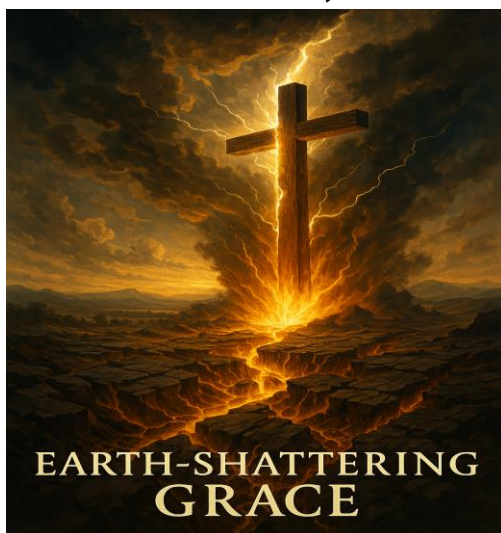
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WELCOME: *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

As we draw near to the end of another church year, we continue today to consider another portion of Jesus' Olivet Discourse where He foretells the end of the old covenant and the establishment of the new in which forgiveness, life, and salvation are established by His death and resurrection.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #258

Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation

**Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of every nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.**

**See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling.
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.**

**Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaieth;
Grant us Thy peace, Lord:**

**Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;
Peace when the world its busy war is waging.
Calm Thy foes' raging.**

**Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on earth or, after we have striven,
Peace in Thy heaven.
Amen.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Cong: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love; cleanse me from my sin; and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written: The just shall live by faith.

Cong: Amen.

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

**You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord, Almighty God, we implore You to show Your mercy unto us, Your humble servants, so that we, who have been taught by You not to trust in our own works for salvation but only in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, might not receive Your judgment on account of our sin but instead lift up our heads with joy, receiving the end of our faith, the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Daniel 9:20-27

(ESV) While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, (21) while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. (22) He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. (23) At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision. (24) "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. (25) Know therefore and understand that from

the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. (26) And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. (27) And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

THE PSALM (*Psalm 57 Responsively*)

Pastor: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;

Cong: In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

Pastor: I cry out to God Most High,

Cong: To God who fulfills his purpose for me.

Pastor: He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me.

Cong: God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

Pastor: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

Cong: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Pastor: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Cong: Let your glory be over all the earth!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 17:1-10

(ESV) For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. (2) Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having

once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? (3) But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. (4) For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. (5) Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; (6) in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. (7) Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" (8) When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), (9) then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. (10) And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (11) And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (12) But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (13) waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Pastor: Here ends the Scripture Lessons. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Cong: *(sung)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth and of all things visible and
invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: #156

Take My Life and Let It Be

**Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.**

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,

**Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine
While like a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree
And knows her guilt was there.**

**Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Matthew 24:15-28

(ESV) "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), (16) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. (17) Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, (18) and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. (19) And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! (20) Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. (21) 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. (22) 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. (23) Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is

the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. (24) For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (25) See, I have told you beforehand. (26) 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. (27) 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. (28) Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

“Earth-Shattering Grace”

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: #605 (vv. 1-3)

The World is Very Evil

**The world is very evil,
The times are waxing late:
Be sober and keep vigil,
The Judge is at the gate:
The Judge that comes in mercy,
The Judge that comes with might,
To terminate the evil,
To diadem the right.**

**Arise, arise, dear Christian,
Let right to wrong succeed;
Let penitential sorrow
To heav'nly gladness lead,
To light that hath no evening,
That knows no moon nor sun,
The light so new and golden,**

The light that is but one.

**O home of fadeless splendor,
Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,
Where they shall dwell as children,
Who here as exiles mourn.
Midst pow'r that knows no limit,
Where knowledge has no bound,
The beatific vision
Shall glad the saints around.
Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: As it is good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, we especially praise You for the Living Bread which came down from heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His flesh for the life of the world that we might have eternal life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name, praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of heavenly hosts adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing Hosanna in the highest,
Sing Hosanna to the Lord.**

**Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

Cong: Amen.

**O Lamb of God, O Christ, our Lord,
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
Impart Your joy, our faith increase,
Sustain with Your mercy,
And grant us Your peace.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 17 - November 22, 2025

Mon John 15:18-21 If the world hates us on account of Christ, we couldn't be in better company! They hated Him first, and we are reminded that He will be with us always, even to the end of the world!

Tues Revelation 3:1-6 James pointed out that faith without works is dead (Jms2:17), and the Lord sees the church at Sardis is dying. His desire is that they awaken and join the few who still walk with Him in white.

Wed 2 Chronicles 32:1-21 Hezekiah prepares for the Assyrian siege, but encourages his people that God is greater than any enemy (v7). The Assyrians scoff at the name of the LORD, and He defends His name.

Thurs Proverbs 24:13-22 The wicked attack the righteous, but they will stumble. Do not be happy in their fall, for God is not. Do not be jealous of wicked people or associate with the rebellious, who court disaster.

Fri Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus pictures the judgment as a man settling accounts with his servants. Entrusted with different amounts, all who made use of their talents received the same "well done!"

Sat Revelation 20:11-15 Near the end of the church year, we remember the promised judgment at Christ's return. Saved by grace through faith, the blessed are known by the fruits that their faith produced.