

**WELCOME TO GETHSEMANE! WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

**AS WE GATHER**

Today our 31-week journey through the entire Bible brings us to the final chapter of The Story, Chapter 31: The End Of Time. *Authors, film-makers, and pastors have all tried to help us understand what John saw in Revelation about how the end of God's Story will come about. The bottom-line is what we trust in and celebrate: we will all be with the Lord forever!*

**HWC 233 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

sts. 1–3

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
“Jesus, out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”
  
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
You on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**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.

*Hymn of Praise: LSB 507* **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** sts. 1–2, 4

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy  
sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky  
and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you!

**C** **And also with you!**

**P** Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*The First Reading: REVELATION 20:11—21:7*

**L** The first reading comes from Revelation, the 20th chapter.

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

<sup>21</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”<sup>[a]</sup> for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of

heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’<sup>[b]</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 21:25–36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup> “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*LSB 543 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS*

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.



- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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## *SERMON: THE STORY. CHAPTER 31: "THE END OF TIME"*

### *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*

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

*LORD'S PRAYER*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us  
to pray:

**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.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do 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 of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**LSB 680 THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE**

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted  
high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy  
feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only  
Thee.

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*BENEDICTION*

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**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.

*Closing Hymn: HWC 72* **WE WILL GLORIFY**

- 1 We will glorify the King of kings,  
We will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I Am.
  
- 2 Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,  
We will bow before His throne;  
We will worship Him in righteousness,  
We will worship Him alone.
  
- 3 He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,  
He is Lord of all who live;  
He is Lord above the universe,  
All praise to Him we give.
  
- 4 Hallelujah to the King of kings,  
Hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I Am.

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