

Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. ¹¹ He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

2 Peter 3:3-14

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

St. Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' ⁴¹ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Introit.**

Ant. SAVE ME, || O God, by Thy | Name | - :
and judge | me | by | Thy | strength.

|| Hear my prayer, O | God | - :
give ear to the | words | of | my | mouth.

Psalm. || He shall reward evil to mine | ene- | mies:
cut them | off | in | Thy | truth.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that being ever mindful of the end of all things, and the day of Thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with Thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. 2 Peter 3:3-14

or 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

Additional reading: Isaiah 40:9-11**Gospel. Matthew 25:31-46****Gradual.**

|| Who shall ascend into the hill of the | LORD | - :
or who shall stand in | His | ho- | ly | place?

|| He that hath clean hands a | pure | heart:
he shall receive the bless- | ing | from | the | LORD.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Fear not, for I have re- | deemed | thee:
I have called thee by name; thou art Mine. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The LORD is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing: He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. (Psalm 23:1-2). **Psalm 23:3-6.**

26th Sunday after Trinity

64. Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinckart, 1636

Johann Crüger, 1648

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858

1. Now thank we all our God
 2. Oh, may this boun - teous God
 Δ 3. All praise and thanks to God

With heart and hands and voic - es, Who
 Through all our life be near us, With
 The Fa - ther now be giv - en, The

won - drous things hath done, In whom His world re -
 ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
 Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est

joic - es; Who from our moth - er's arms
 cheer us And keep us in His grace
 heav - en: The one e - ter - nal God,

Hath blessed us on our way
 And guide us when per - plexed
 Whom earth and heav'n a - dore!

With count - less gifts of love
 And free - us from all ills
 For thus it was, is now,

And still is ours to - day.
 In this world and the next!
 And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* You will be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and oblations upon Your altar, O Lord. (v.19). **Psalm 51.**