



# November 18<sup>TH</sup> HYMN selections & OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CANDLE LIGHTING: #723

HYMN OF THE DAY: #438

COMMUNION: #483

SENDING SONG: #439

***Canticle of the Turning***  
***"My Lord What a Morning"***  
***"Here is Bread"***  
***"Soon and Very Soon"***

## BACKGROUND ON TODAY'S LESSONS:

NOVEMBER BEGINS WITH ALL SAINTS DAY AND ENDS IN OR NEAR ADVENT, WHEN WE ANTICIPATE CHRIST'S COMING AGAIN. SO THE READINGS TODAY TELL OF THE FINAL RESURRECTION AND THE END TIME. IN THE TURMOIL OF HOPE, FEAR, AND DISBELIEF THAT THESE PREDICTIONS PROVOKE IN US, CHRIST MAKES A WAY FOR US WHERE THERE IS NO WAY, AND WE WALK IT CONFIDENTLY, OUR HEARTS AND BODIES WASHED IN BAPTISMAL WATER, TRUSTING THE ONE WHO HAS PROMISED. THE MORE WE SEE THE LAST DAY APPROACHING, THE MORE IMPORTANT IT IS TO MEET TOGETHER TO PROVOKE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE

## FIRST READING

### DANIEL 12:1-3

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

"WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE" **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 16:1-3

8:30 READ RESPONSIVELY 10:45 SING RESPONSE TO CANTOR

PROTECT ME, O GOD, FOR I TAKE REF- | UGE IN YOU;  
I HAVE SAID TO THE LORD,  
"YOU ARE MY LORD, MY GOOD A- | BOVE ALL OTHER."

**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

BUT THOSE WHO RUN AFTER | OTHER GODS  
SHALL HAVE THEIR TROUBLES | MULTIPLIED.



## SECOND READING

### 1 PETER 2:1-12

CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE OF GOD'S SAVING WORK AND THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LIVES. WE ARE GOD'S CHOSEN, HOLY PEOPLE WHO CONTINUOUSLY CELEBRATE AND DECLARE THE MERCY OF GOD WE EXPERIENCE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

"WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE" **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 13:1-8

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

IN THE LAST WEEK OF HIS LIFE, JESUS WARNED HIS DISCIPLES CONCERNING TRIALS THAT WERE TO COME UPON THEM AND UPON THE WORLD. HE EXHORTS THE LISTENER: DO NOT BE ALARMED.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

"The GOSPEL OF THE LORD" **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**