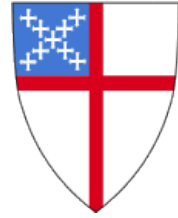


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
Sunday closest to November 16



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Track 2

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
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Luke 21:5-19

Old Testament

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord

The Psalm (sung at 10:30)

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new | song, *
for he has done marvelous | things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy | arm *
has he won for himself the | victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his | victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the | nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of | Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our | God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you | lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and | sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the | harp, *
with the harp and the voice of | song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the | horn *
shout with joy before the King, the | LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is | in it, *
the lands and those who | dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their | hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the | earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the | world *
and the peoples with | equity.

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord

The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."