# 2nd to Last Sunday of the Church Year **STAND FIRM** Mark 13



Before the Second Coming of Jesus, the world will be in

great tribulation There will be many dangers and difficulties. The Church will be hated and persecuted. But Jesus, encourages us, "He who stands firm to the end will be saved." Mark 13:13

### **CHOIR ANTHEM** - Great is Thy Faithfulness

St. Matthew Choir

Everyone will hate you because

stands firm

to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13

of me, but the one who

### + INVOCATION +

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

### **OPENING SCRIPTURES** - Stand Firm

Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, Resist him, standing firm in the faith.	1 Peter 5:8-9
Be on your guard, Stand firm in the faith.	1st Cor. 16:13
Take up the whole Armor of God <b>That you may be able to stand firm.</b>	Ephesians 6:13
He who stands firm to the end, Will be saved.	Mark 13:13

### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,	
People: Who made heaven and earth.	Psalm 124:8

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4 Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

#### People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

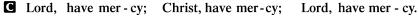
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Pastor: 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.

#### People: Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +





# HYMN OF PRAISE – Gloria in Excelsis **C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord. Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored; We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing-Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High, Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-In God the Fa-ther's glo-rv. "A-men!" our glad re - plv.

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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### People: Amen.

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#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>1</sup>"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### THE PSALM

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

- in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;
- because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16:8-11

### THE EPISTLE

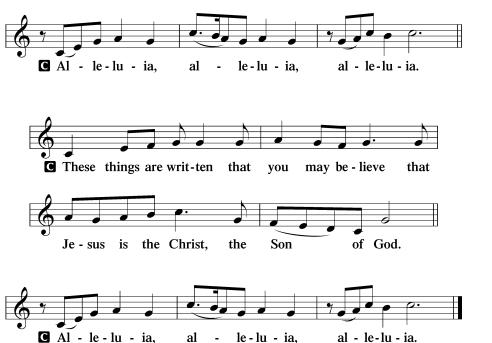
Hebrews 10:19-25

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<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter. People: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>"Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup>You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say what is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy

Spirit.

<sup>12</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ!

#### 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

#### Mark 13:5-13

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both 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.

#### 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



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#### THE SERMON

#### **THE OFFERING** (Offering plates are located in the back of the church.)

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit, that we may stand firm against the temptations of the devil. Lord, in Your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.
- Pastor: O Lord, you will come again to judge this world. Even as we see that time approaching, help us to stand firm on the promises of Your Gospel, knowing that nothing shall separate us from Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: Hear our prayer.
- Pastor: Compassionate Savior, we pray for all who are suffering or who are in need, [especially...], Lord, in Your mercy,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. People: Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
<b>People:</b>	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People:</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People:</b>	It is right to give Him thanks and praise

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Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

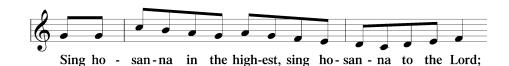
#### **SANCTUS**

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Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

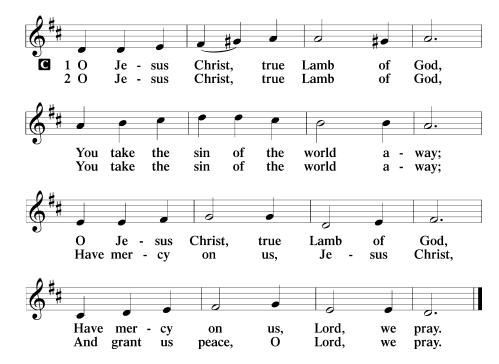
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

> 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."

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. People: Amen.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### THE DISTRIBUTION

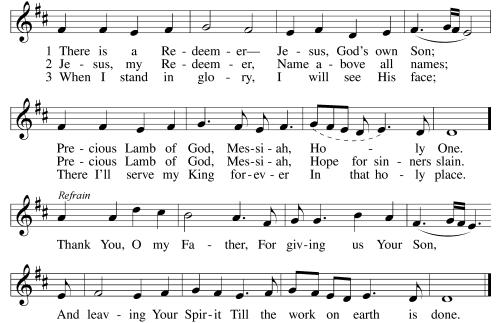
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#### 665 Be Strong in the Lord

- 1 Be strong in the Lord, In armor of light, With helmet and sword, With shield for the fight; On prayer be dependent, Be belted and shod, In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God.
- 2 Integrity gird, You round to impart The truth of His Word, As truth in your heart; His righteousness wearing, As breastplate of mail, His victory sharing, Be strong to prevail.
- 3 With eagerness shod, Stand firm in your place, Or go forth for God, With news of His grace; No foe shall disarm you, Nor force you to yield, No arrow can harm you, With faith as your shield.
- 4 Though Satan presume, To test you and try, In helmet and plume, Your head shall be high; Beset by temptation, Be true to your Lord, Your helmet salvation, And Scripture your sword.
- 5 So wield well your blade, Rejoice in its pow'rs, Fight on undismayed, For Jesus is ours! Then in Him victorious, Your armor lay down, To praise, ever glorious, His cross and His crown.

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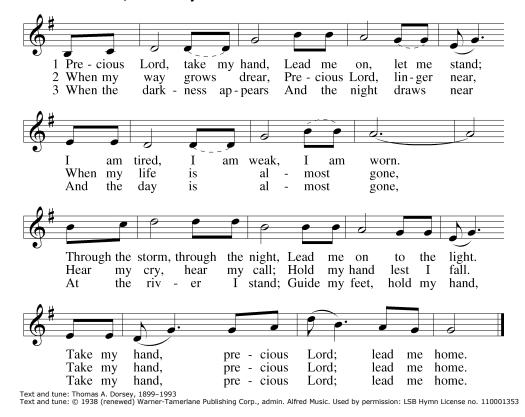
#### 971 There Is a Redeemer



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#### Precious Lord, Take My Hand 739



#### **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis**



#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. People: Amen.

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#### BENEDICTION

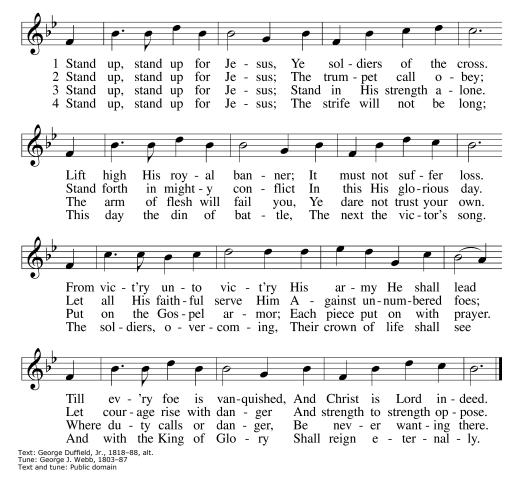
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord

#### People: Thanks be to God

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

People: Amen.

#### 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



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