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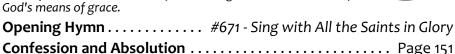
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Color of the Day: Green-suggesting spiritual growth and maturity. There is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.



₩₩₩ Service of the Word ₩₩₩

Ps 93:1-5; antiphon: v. 2 ¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in | majesty;* the LORD is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt. Yes, the world is es- | tablished;* it shall nev- | er be moved. ²Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting. ³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted | up their voice;* the floods lift up their | roaring. ⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters,

mightier than the waves of the sea,* the LORD on high is | mighty! ⁵Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*

holiness befits your house.

O LORD, for- | evermore.

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O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.
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Old Testament Reading
4"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.
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Gradual Page 156 Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.
Fear the LORD, you His saints,*
for those who fear Him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,*
but the LORD delivers Him out of them all.
Epistle Reading
²⁰ But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith;
pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting
for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.
²² And have mercy on those who doubt; 23save others by snatching
them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even
the garment stained by the flesh.
²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to
present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great
joy,
²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be
glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen
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²⁴[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun

will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake." Children's Message **Hymn of the Day** #508 – The Day Is Surely Drawing Near church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs' blog at: http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/ or Pastor Mendez's blog at: https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/ Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God's love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate. **Offertory** Page 159 ₩₩₩ Service of the Sacrament ₩₩₩ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and 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 to 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 saying: Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 161 Lord's Prayer & The Words of Our Lord Page 162 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei Page 163 Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you. **Distribution Hymns**..... #597 – Water, Blood and Spirit Crying #336 - Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending #689 - Let Me Be Thine Forever Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 164 Post-Communion Collect & Benediction. Page 166 Closing Hymn..... #673 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate,

grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts