

## The Revelation to St. John

### *Seals Five and Six: Revelation 6:9-17*

“The clouds of judgment gather, the time is growing late; be sober and be watchful, our judge is at the gate: the judge who comes in mercy, the judge who comes in might to put an end to evil and diadem the right.”

–Bernard of Cluny, 12<sup>th</sup> century; *LSB* 513, “The Clouds of Judgment Gather”

### Understanding the Text

Read Revelation 6:9-11.

1. What does John see when the fifth seal is opened (vv.9-10)?

2. How does God answer the martyrs’ prayer (v.11)?

Read Revelation 6:12-17.

3. What does John see when the sixth seal is opened (vv.12-14)?

4. How do people react to the end of the world (vv.15-17)?

## Applying the Text

Christians find their peace and rest in God's justification and justice.

1. What is the Church's response to the world's persecution in this life?

2. How does God answer our prayers for justice?

Only Christians can stand on the Last Day.

3. What difference will riches and power make on the Last Day?

4. How can Christians pray for Jesus to return when the Last Day is described with such terrors?