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Fr. Danny Murphy – 33rd Sunday of the Year 2018

Our scripture readings this morning seem like they were written by the "Grim Reaper," don't they? They talk about turmoil and tribulation, talk about darkness and destruction. They talk about death, upheaval, unrest. Well, the scripture readings, today, talk about the end of the world. We don't know when the end of the world will be. We don't know what it will be like at the end of the world. But we do know this: at the end of the world, good will triumph over evil, light will triumph over darkness, life will triumph over death! Why are we so confident in saying that? Because God's in charge. God's always in charge. God wins! God always wins, and because God's in charge and God wins, WE win! Why do we win? The Psalmist for today tells us: "You are my inheritance, O Lord." And then the Psalmist tells us,

what our inheritance is: "Fullness of joys in your presence, O God; delights at your right hand forever." " There is nothing GRIM about that! When the end of the world comes, the next world comes. The next world will be called heaven. What is heaven like? Do you ever ask yourself that question? You going to spend all eternity there, don't you think that we should think, at least a little bit about what it may be like there? Here's a silly story about heaven: A husband was about to die and he said to his wife, "Honey, when I die, I want you to put all my money into the casket with me, I want to have money when I go to heaven." Shortly thereafter, he died. Just before the undertaker was closing his casket, his wife put a box into the casket. All her friends said to her, "You're not really putting all his money into the casket, are you?" She said to her friends, "I promised I would do it, so I'm doing it. I wrote him a check and if he can cash it, he can keep it!" What is heaven like? How old will you be in heaven? Who is in heaven? Will you be spending all eternity in heaven with people you tried to avoid on earth? What will you do all day, every day in heaven? And when I am at the pearly gates, will God ask, what are YOU doing here? So many questions, so few answers. But in heaven we won't have any questions, in heaven we'll know all the answers to all of our "whys" on earth, because in heaven we'll see God face to face and that will explain everything. What is heaven like? Heaven is all about endless ecstasy, joy and peace forever. What is heaven like? "Fullness of joys in the presence of God, delights at God's right hand forever." That's what heaven is like!