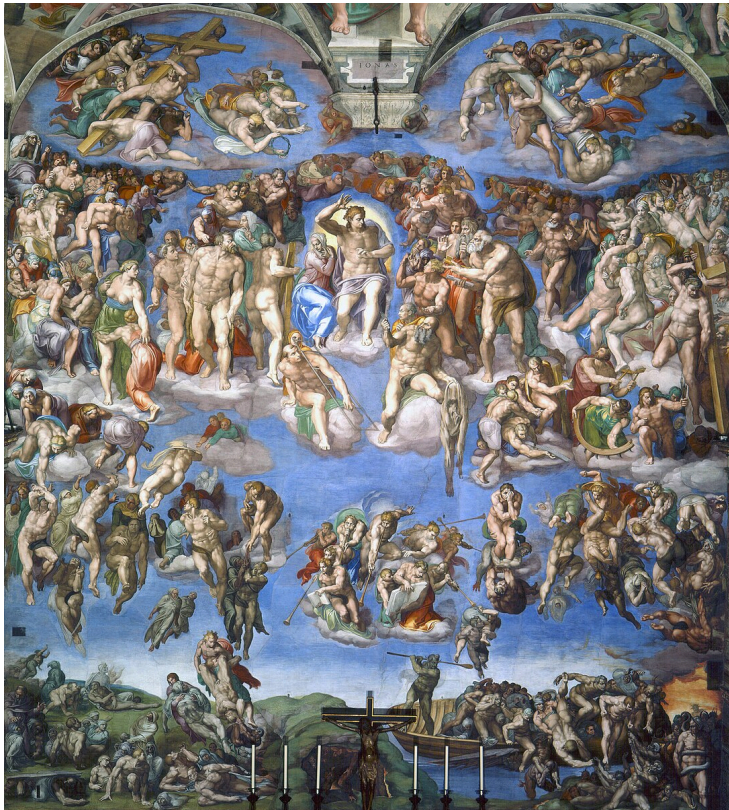


## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 27C)



**Background:** As the church year ends, we are very focussed on eternal matters. Christ clearly points out that there will be a resurrection. Paul points out things will change. Our bodies will die while we are on earth, but we will be raised to eternal life. We will live with Christ eternally, all made possible by our living God. He created life, and continues to do so, More importantly He made our eternal salvation possible by causing the biggest change in us! He died on the cross, to pay the full price for all our sins. We humbly acknowledge His sacrifice on our behalf, and guided by the Holy Spirit-we trust in Him for our salvation.

### Michelangelo The Resurrection (1536 - '41)

#### The Lessons: Exodus 3:1–15, 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17, Luke 20:27–40

Christians live as “*sons of God, being sons of the resurrection*” (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God “*is not God of the dead, but of the living*” (Luke 20:38). “*Those who deny that there is a resurrection*” (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know “*that the dead are raised*” (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel’s sufferings and has “*come down to deliver them*” (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God’s chosen people, by which He is “*remembered throughout all generations*” (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who “*takes his seat in the temple of God*” (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine “*with the breath of his mouth*” (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, “*stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught*” (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God’s promise of love, comfort and good hope.

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