

****Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God: We confess that in comfortable times it is easy to be faithful, but when our lives and our world become unsettled, doubt and fear take hold of us. Rather than bearing witness to your love and peace, we look for easy answers and safe hiding places. Forgive us, O Lord, for being so quick to forget the promise of your presence. No matter what might be happening in our lives and in our world, remind us of who we are as your people, and what we are called to do to make your love known in the world. Amen.

****Assurance of Forgiveness**

****Hymn “Gloria Patri”**

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.”*

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Children are dismissed to go to the nursery

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

O Lord, prepare us to hear your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own. That hearing your will we may also follow it, for your glory, and for our life. Amen.

The Reading from the Old Testament Daniel 12:1-3 *‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence.*

But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon "Don' Be Alarmed"

**Hymn 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

**Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

"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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prelude

****Call to Worship** *from Psalm 16*

Liturgist: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, “You are my God. All my good is found in you.”

Liturgist: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

People: You show me the path of life, and in your presence is joy forever.

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 234** *“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”*

****Call to Confession**