



SENT FORTH BY THE *audacious* DIVINE:

a liturgy of prophetic endurance



OPENING SONG: "All Will Be Well," by Meg Barnhouse



All Will Be Well – Meg Barnhouse with Lyrics

All Shall Be Well



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She said, "No one does not know,
does not know about loneliness
and no one does not know, does
not know about  ease."

She said, "No one does not know,
does not know about cruelty."

She said, "I know, it's too much. It
brought me to my knees where I
heard:

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CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.

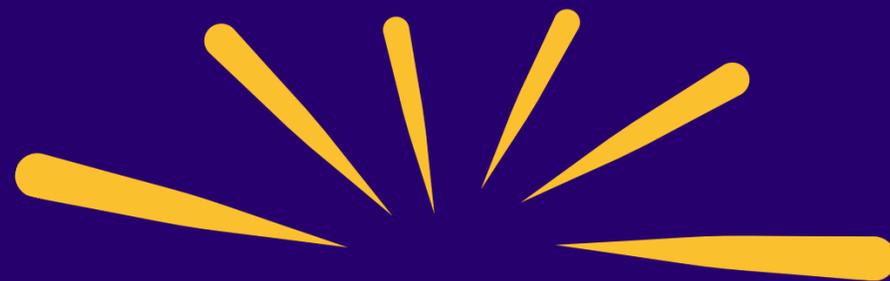
ALL: We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates.

Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.

ALL: The Spirit leads us in power and truth.

Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin.

ALL: With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ.



OPENING PRAYER

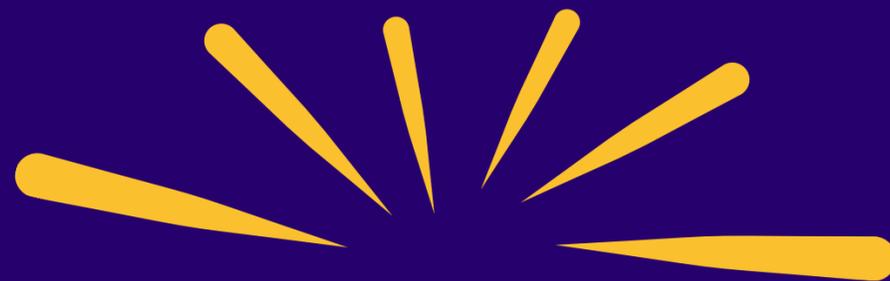
God,
Companion in our grief,
Creator of holy grit,
Center of our gratitude,

We ask you to bless us with audacity:
The audacity to know ourselves and name
ourselves in the face of those who would
constrict us with false definitions.
The audacity to call you our friend and co-
conspirator, to trust that your whisper of our
deep belovedness is sincere.
The audacity of hope, yes, but also:
The audacity of wrestling with hopelessness
and continuing forward despite our wounds.

Bless us with the understanding
that to be audacious is to persist;
To be audacious is to risk despite the cost;
To be audacious is to act in your image,
co-laboring creation out of chaos.

Though despair threatens,
bless us with the audacity of courage.
You love boldly, even recklessly —
help us to do the same.

We ask all this with holy determination.
Amen.



FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14; 12:1b, 3 (CCL)

I, Daniel, had many visions during the night. As they continued, I saw One like a human figure coming with the clouds of heaven.

When the figure reached the Ancient of Days and was presented, they received dominion, splendor, and the power of a ruler. All nations, peoples and tongues would serve this one, whose dominion is everlasting and shall not pass away. The dominion of this One shall not be destroyed.

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A messenger from God, the human figure, spoke to Daniel in a vision:

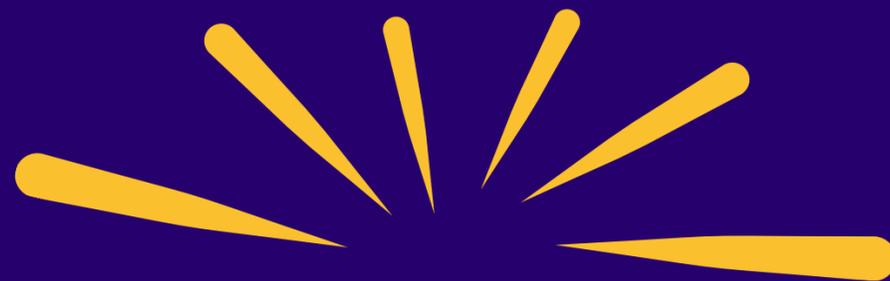
“A time of unsurpassed distress is coming,
a time of anguish such as has never been known since nations first came into existence.

“Yet, the wise will shine brightly, like the splendor of the heavens.

Those who have guided the people to justice, will shine like the stars forever.”

The Vision of a Judean Sage and Prophet.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 83, translated by Jan Merrill

The Psalm Response is: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

R: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

O great creator, do not keep silent.

Do not withhold your peace or be still, O Giver of Life. For fear is rampant in the world. Those who rule by oppression rise up with power. They lay deceptive plans against the people.

They consult together against freedom and justice.

R: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Crafty words belie intent

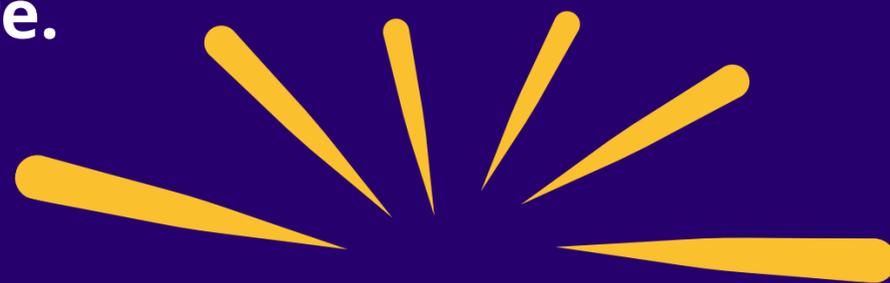
as thousands reap dire consequence. Nations go to war and the innocent suffer.

Yes, they conspire with one accord;

against Love they make a covenant.

No institution is free from the insidious arm of corruption.

R: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.



PSALM: Psalm 83, translated by Jan Merrill

Who will succor the homeless, the orphans, the starving, those cast aside by decisions based on greed?

Who will speak up on their behalf?

R: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

O Beloved, let all that is unholy within us be cleansed... As the fire consumes the forest, as the flame reaches up to the heavens, let the refining fire of Your love reach into the hidden places within open hearts.

Forgive us and let the deep regret of our souls rise up as contrite offerings.

R: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Let the nations turn from violence and destruction. Let them know that You alone, You who are love, You who reign in Love, are the Most High over all the Earth; You reign throughout the Cosmos.

R: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.



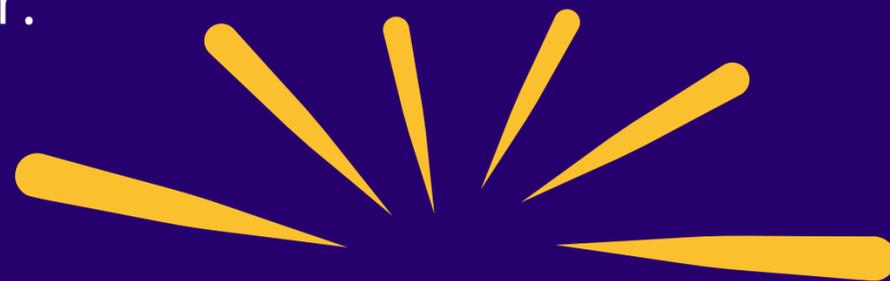
SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:32-39 (CCL)

Remember the days past when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a great contest of suffering. At times, you were publicly exposed to abuse and affliction. At other times, you associated yourselves with those so treated. You even joined in the sufferings of those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, knowing that you had a better and lasting possession. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence! It will have great recompense. You need endurance to fulfill the desire of God's heart and receive what God has promised:

"For, after just a brief moment,
the one who is to come shall come, and shall not delay.
The just shall live by faith.
I take no pleasure in those who draw back."

We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life.

The Word of an Early Church Pastor.
Thanks be to God.

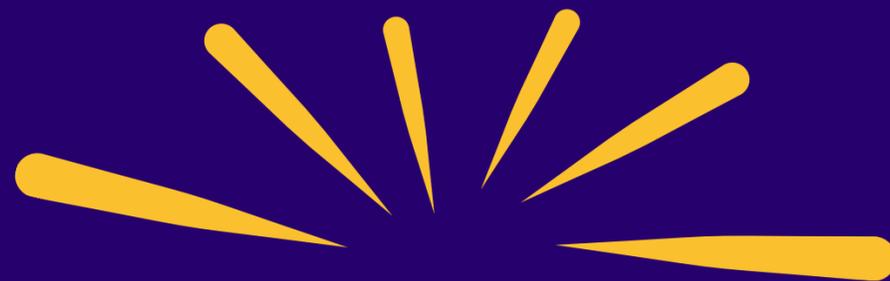


GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-32 (CCL)

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of his disciples said, "Look, Teacher, what large stones! What grand buildings!" Then Jesus asked, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another. All will be thrown down."

Later, when Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, across from the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew questioned him when they were by themselves. "Tell us, when will this be? What will be the sign that all these things are about to happen?"

Then Jesus told them, "Beware that no one deceives you. Many will come using my name and say, 'Here I am'. They will mislead many through deception. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This is something that must happen; but the end is still to come. Nation will fight against nation, and empire against empire. There will be earthquakes in various places; and there will be famines. This is the beginning of birth-pangs.

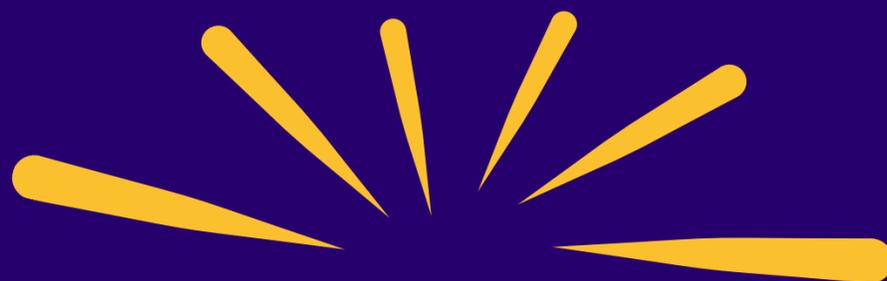


GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-32 (CCL)

“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me, you will stand before governors and rulers as witnesses. For the gospel must first be preached to all. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what you are going to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

“Siblings will betray each other to death, and parents their children. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me; but, the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

“When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. Let no one in the field go back to get their coat. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that this will not take place in winter, because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.

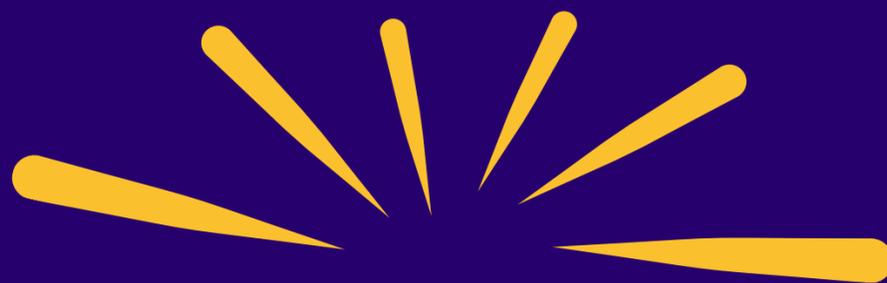


GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-32 (CCL)

“If God had not cut short those days, no one would survive. For the sake of the elect, the chosen, God has shortened them. At that time, if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, over there!’ do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will appear. They will perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the chosen ones. So be on your guard. I have told you everything ahead of time.

*“But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened,
The moon will not give its light.
The stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’*

“At that time, people will see the Human One coming in clouds with great power and glory. Angels will be sent to gather the chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the cosmos.



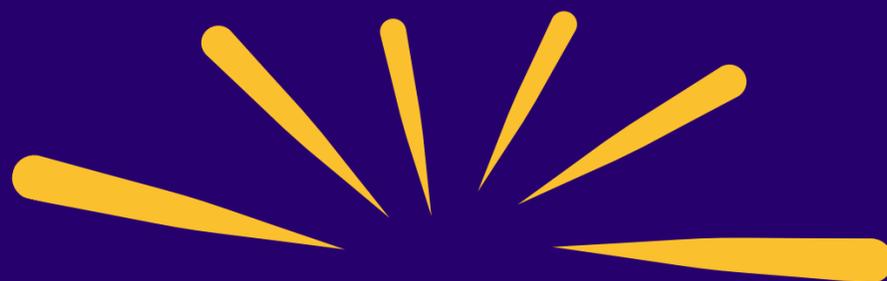
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“Take the fig tree as a parable and learn its lesson. As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that the one coming into the world is near, right at the door. This generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“As for that day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in heaven, nor the one born of God, but only God and God alone.”

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **God of boldness, hear our prayer.**

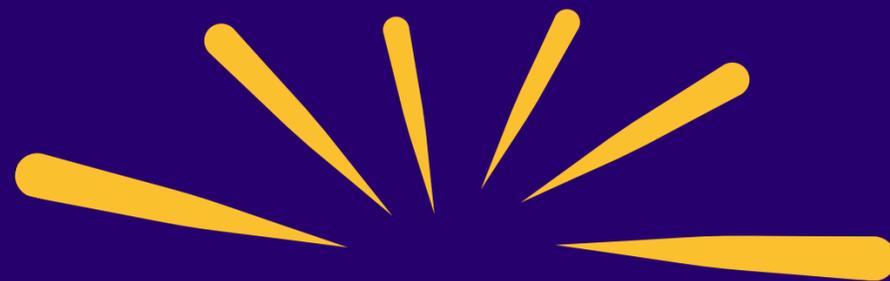
For the world—in a time of uncertainty and upheaval, may your voice ring through with clarity and call us to right relationship with one another and with your creation, we pray...

For our church, that the movement toward synodality deepens and enriches our ability to be witnesses to Gospel love and justice, we pray...

For women and nonbinary people longing to answer their call to priesthood, that they may find a space where their vocations are nurtured, celebrated, and welcomed, we pray...

In gratitude for the examples of audacity that shine forth from our ancestors, that they may inspire us to love and risk boldly for the sake of God's kin-dom, we pray...

For what else shall we pray? Please enter your intentions INTO THE CHAT at this time.
We pray...







The God who made the universe...

...has made us for this time.

CLOSING SONG: "Sister, Carry On" by Carolyn McDade

Sister, carry on
Sister, carry on
It may be rocky and it may be rough
But sister, carry on

Together* don't lose the dream
Together don't lose the dream
don't sell out for no short-time gain
Together don't lose the dream

Beloveds*, don't settle too soon
Beloveds, don't settle too soon
til everybody's got their rights
Beloveds, don't settle too soon

Together* we share the way
Together we share the way
heart to heart and hand to hand
Together we share the way

Stand in solidarity
Stand in solidarity
together dream a brand new day
Stand in solidarity

Sister, carry on
Sister, carry on
It may be rocky and it may be rough
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**We offer alternative lyrics in a spirit of inclusion with our siblings who are not on the gender binary or are transgender. Please use the words that most speak to your spirit.*





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