

Welcome to Bible Study 13 November 2022 Rev Darren King

“THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT”

Welcome everyone to the Twentieth-Third Sunday
After Pentecost

Opening Prayer Please pray together

Although the form of this world may be passing away, it is still our home.

Please bestow wisdom, integrity and mercy upon our leaders in government, education, industry, the military, our courts of justice, and every occupation in which people hold positions of responsibility and power. And please grant to everyone the blessing of peace and love, Amen.

Q 1 What scares you the most about the future?

Worship **suggestions**

Amazing Grace

O for a thousand tongues to sing

The Lord is my shepherd

Word Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn — shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Luke 21.5-19 **The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times**

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen?”

And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

Q 2 Jesus prepared his followers for challenges that turn our worlds upside down. How do we deal with stressing times?

Q 3 How has God helped you through difficult times? Discuss this freely

Q 4 Think back to history and people that influenced you through their faith and persistence. Please discuss

Works Read Psalm 23 together – King James version

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever, Amen.

Ending prayer Please pray together

Keep all who suffer in your special care – those who are in greatest need.

Grant healing to body, soul, heart, and mind. Strengthen everyone who cares for them.

Surround them with the protection of your holy wings. We bless your Holy Name, Amen.

Shalom

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