

make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down." And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet. 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."

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Justice; *or*, Another Look at That Widow" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #400

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (... *debts/debtors* ...)

*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* #147

*BENEDICTION

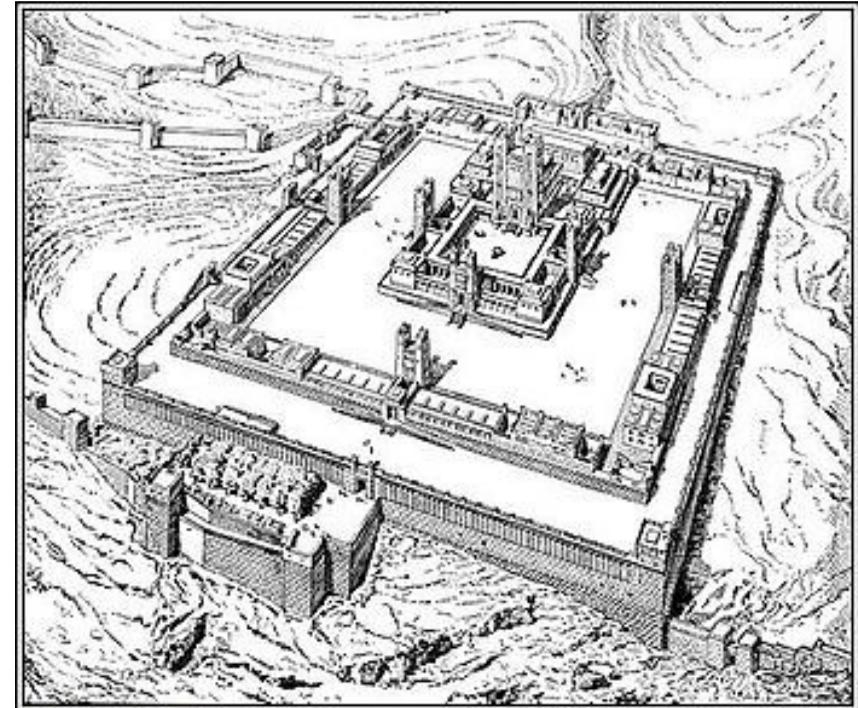
CHORAL CLOSE *Go to the World* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

"There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down." ~ Mark 13:2b



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PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 16: 1-2, 5a, 7a, 8-9b, 11

L: Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in you. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

P: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup. I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel.

L: I keep the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

P: You show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for all your love, and all your blessings. Be with us this morning, and fill us with joy and thanksgiving, so that, led by the Holy Spirit, we may approach you with confidence in our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray in his holy name. Amen.

***HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #793

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us for failing to live as your people, and failing to live according to your commandments. You call us to a life of holiness and obedience, but we pick and choose among your teachings, agreeing to follow when it costs us nothing, but ignoring your word and your will when it conflicts with our desires, or contradicts our opinions. We not only judge others, we even judge Scripture, and decide when and if we will live as you call us. Forgive our stubbornness and self-will, we ask in Jesus' name.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** #813

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Amos 5: 4, 6-15, 18-24 ~ Pages 793-794 in the pew Bible

For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: "Seek me and live. Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it, O you who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth! He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name, who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor whoever speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample upon the poor and take from them exactions of wheat, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore those who are prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

"Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 12: 38-44, 13: 1-8 ~ Page 881 in the pew Bible

And in his teaching he [Jesus] said [to the crowds], "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which together