

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Preludes *Ever Faithful, Ever Near* Franklin Ritter
 Forty Days and Forty Nights Michael McCabe

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

L: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, and the courts of God with praise;

P: Give thanks and bless God's holy name!

L: For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal,

P: And God's faithfulness has no end.

Time of Confession

*Congregational Response #698 "Take, O Take Me as I Am" Take Me As I Am
 Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
 Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 102:12-17, 25-28

Offertory *Eventide* Franklin Ritter

Second Scripture Reading – Mark 13:1-8, 32-37

Sermon – "Days and Hours"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Doxology #709 "God, We Honor You" Abundant Blessings
 God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
 Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

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Benediction

Postlude *Maestoso Postludium* Christoph W. Gluck

Psalms 102:12-17, 25-28

- ¹²But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations.
¹³You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come.
¹⁴For your servants hold its stones dear, and have pity on its dust.
¹⁵The nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth your glory.
¹⁶For the LORD will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory.
¹⁷He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer.
- ²⁵Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
²⁶They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away;
²⁷but you are the same, and your years have no end.
²⁸The children of your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in your presence.

Mark 13:1-8, 32-37

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For 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 birthpangs.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”