***Introit (Psalm 48)***

P: The person who stands strong until the end,

C: God will save that person.

P: Let Jerusalem be happy!

C: Let the women in Jerusalem rejoice because of God’s judgment.

P: Walk through Jerusalem and count the buildings.

C: Look at Jerusalem, the strong and powerful city.

P: Then you can tell future generations that the Lord is our God forever.

C: He will guide us forever.

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: O Lord, You give many good things for us. Free us from our sins. We are weak slaves serving sin. Free us, then we will continue strong in faith until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Daniel chapter 12.

 The angel told DANIEL, “In the future, MICHAEL, the great prince, will stand up and protect your people. That time will be full of trouble, more than any time in history. But at that time, God will save your people. He will save every person whose name is in God’s book. Many people sleeping in their graves will wake-up and rise alive. Some will rise for eternal life, and other people will go into shame and eternal suffering. The wise people will shine the same-as the bright sky. The people who lead many people to righteousness, they will shine the same-as the stars forever.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Hebrews chapter 10.

 Every day, priests stand in the temple. They sacrifice the same again and again. Those sacrifices can never take-away sins. But Jesus gave one sacrifice for all sin for all time. He sacrificed Himself, then He sat down near God’s right hand. Jesus is waiting until God makes His enemies become a footstool for His feet. Jesus’ one sacrifice made God’s people perfect and holy for all time.

 The Holy Spirit also teaches us this. He says, “After that time, this is the promise I will make with My people, says the Lord. I will put My Laws in their hearts and write My Laws in their minds. I will not remember their sins and wrongs anymore.”

 Now when God forgives sins, then there is no more need to sacrifice for sins.

 Christian friends, now we can enter the holy places because of Jesus’ blood. This is the new living way that Jesus opened for us. We enter the holy places through Jesus’ body. Jesus is our High Priest reigning over the people of God.

 Let us come near God with honest hearts and brave faith because Jesus’ blood made our hearts clean and took-away our guilty conscience. And He washed our bodies clean with pure water. Now our faith can trust in God’s promise without doubting, because God does His promises.

 Let us encourage one-another in loving and doing good. Some people refuse to come to worship. Don’t do that, but instead you encourage one-another because you see the day of Jesus coming near.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 13.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 Jesus was leaving the temple. One disciple said to Jesus, “Look, Teacher! These stones and buildings are wonderful!”

 Jesus asked, “You see these buildings? People will knock-down all these stones. Not one stone will stay on another stone.”

 Jesus sat on the MOUNT of OLIVES, looking at the temple. Peter, JAMES, JOHN, and ANDREW asked Jesus, “Tell us, when will this happen? What will show us when this destruction will happen?”

 Jesus answered, “Be careful. Don’t let anyone fool you. Many people will come in My name and say, ‘I am the Christ.’ They will fool many people. You will hear about wars and rumors of wars, but don’t be afraid. Wars must happen, but that is not the end. Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. Earthquakes and famine (hunger) will happen in different places. This is the beginning of the end, the same-as the beginning of birth pains.”

 “You must be careful. People will arrest you and bring you to the government, and in Jewish churches they will whip you. Because you believe in Me, you will stand in front of governors and kings and you will witness to them. The gospel must first be preached to all nations. When they arrest you and bring you into court, don’t worry about what to say. God will give you words to say. You will not speak. The Holy Spirit will speak through you.”

 “Brother will betray brother to death. A father will betray his own child. Children will rebel against their parents to kill them. All people will hate you because of My name. But the person who is faithful to the end, God will save him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.