

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

- At the end of our liturgical year the readings reflect on the end-times

Malachi “Lo the day is coming, blazing like an oven when all the proud and evildoers will be stubble

Luke “All that you see here will be rubble

Nations will rise against nations, kingdom against kingdom

There will be earthquakes, famines, plagues

Christians will be seized and persecuted

You’ll be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives & friends

You’ll be hated because of my name

There is a common thread to both of these readings – the end is coming & it’ll be tough

Earthquakes Famine Plagues Evil will rise up We will be seized and persecuted

We see it all around us already

We hear of Earthquakes in Italy - from Calif. to Haiti to China – thousands die

Crime and violence are all around us – we have shootings and murders DAILY now

YET – these readings of doom all have the same word – BUT

MAL (But for you who fear my name there will arise the sun of justice”)

LK (But not a hair on your head will be destroyed

By your perseverance you will secure your lives)

Today we seem to have lost the sense that 2nd coming is real and could be immanent – IT IS!

Are we in the end times? Who knows – Only the Father.

Are we confident that, as Christians, we will rise with Christ? **ABSOLUTELY**

Listen – not that much has changed since the time of Malachi and Jesus taught His disciples

WAR POVERTY SICKNESS CHILDREN STILL HUNGRY

But there is one major change from the time of Malachi and when JC preached

Jesus rose from the dead

With Jesus – there is Hope

Now we just had an election – for some, there is a sense of despair – a loss of hope

Scripture says “All things work for the good for those that love God”

DO YOU LOVE GOD? – Then we can claim that ALL things work for the good

Our prayer should be “Lord, show us how You will be glorified in this election”

This isn’t about Hillary or Trump anymore

It’s about US – on either side of election – will we love one another?

How will they know we are Christian – by our love for one another.

Listen – in midst of all these readings of doom – we have hope

Jesus rose from the dead and he did not leave us orphans

He rose – He ascended – He sent the Holy Spirit → BUT before He did

He took bread, broke it, blessed it and said “This is my body”

AND HE MEANT IT

Imagine – God creates

We Sin – God redeems –

He becomes human – takes my punishment – sends the HS

BUT before His death He takes the simplest form – BREAD

And remains with us in that form

In our tabernacle – IN US AT COMMUNION

Is the Creator, the Redeemer, the Savior, Love Incarnate – Physically

“BODY of CHRIST “– AMEN “BODY OF CHRIST” – AMEN

Despite what the world throws at us – we have Jesus within us

AND ALL THINGS WORK FOR THE GOOD FOR THOSE THAT LOVE GOD – AMEN?!