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Pentecost 23 Year C November 16th

Presenter: Rev Mitchell Forbes "The End of the World, or is it?"

Focus Reading: Luke 12: 5-19
Message: 8 minutes 20 seconds

Discussion Starters

- 1. What line from the talk was most memorable for you? And why?
- 2. Where have you or do you come across predictions about the end of the world? How do these relate to Jesus' message in Luke 21?
- 3. How can your church continue to be a witness to the love of Jesus in a world that is torn apart by war?
- 4. List 3 practical ways you as a church community can cry out against injustice, amplify the voice of the oppressed and stand strong in times of conflict.

Readings for this day

Isaiah 65:17-25 God creates new heavens and a new earth where there is joyful and abundant life for God's faithful servants. This alternate reality is a future and yet present promise.

Isaiah 12 Isaiah's song of praise anticipates God's redemption. This is a future-orientated and hopeful declaration of God's promised salvation within the present situation of distress and destruction.

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Paul exalts his believers to follow his example of hard work and self-sufficient living. Paul encourages the believer not to grow weary amid persecution, while waiting for the day of the Lord.

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All Age Message: Rev Mitchell Forbes

"Where is your Temple?"

Length: 2 minutes 43 seconds

Using a little ditty we may have learnt as children, Mitch unravels the theory that God is not just in the church but is found everywhere and we can meet him anywhere.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). No Psalm listed for this week.

Rev Mitchell Forbes.

I am a Uniting Church Minister at New Lambton Uniting Church in City of Newcastle. I am a true Novocastrian! On Sunday the first service is for the Uniting Church family and then later a second service is with a group of people I ministered to before joining the Uniting Church, who now worship in the same building and share morning tea together as one body of Christ.