

#### SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 23	MARCH 2
Altar Guild	Judy Conlan	Char Kautzman	Fritz Calkins
	Becky Allen	Judy Conlan	Becky Allen
Chalice Bearer	Bob Chatriand	Fritz Calkins	Jan Thorne
Lay Reader	Jan Thorne	Karen Marinos	Fritz Calkins
Ushers	Karen Marinos	Elaine Whitley	Allan Miller
	Rita Schoeps	Jim Kelly	Ron Kautzman
Music	Jen Miller	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

#### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher or Fr. Brian.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

#### A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

February 16th, 2025

Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet as we ready our hearts for the Lord.

## "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought\_\_by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord Thou my great Fa-ther, I, Thy true son Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one

Be Thou my shield and my sword for the fight Be Thou my dignity, be Thou my might Thou my\_ soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r Raise Thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r

High King of\_ heaven, when vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart what-ever be-fall Still be my vi-sion, O Ruler of all

Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne. Words & Music: Public Domain

#### THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

# THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

#### THE TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.** 

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.** 

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS | JESUS SIGHTINGS PRAISE MUSIC

#### "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me now and ever-more; Feed me now and ever-more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Written in Welsh by William Williams (1717-1791)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE LESSONS

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

A Reading from Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Page 645) The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

seat of the scornful:

#### PSALM 1

- Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, \* nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the
- But his delight is in the law of the LORD, \* and on his law will he meditate day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, \* that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- <sup>4</sup> His leaf also shall not wither; \* and look, whatever he does, it shall prosper.

(Continues next page) →

- <sup>5</sup> As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; \* but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away from the face of the earth.
- Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, \* neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# **NEW TESTAMENT**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Page 961)
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# THE SEQUENCE HYMN

# "Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word;
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord. and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity;
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority;
Words of power that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

#### THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke 6:17-26 (Page 862)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

# THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us;
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music, CCLI License # 11291184

(eith Getty/Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music . CCLI License # 11291184

# THE SERMON - BISHOP ELIUDI

Children are dismissed for Sunday School

#### THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed: Celebrant and People Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

## Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, Greg our governor, members of congress and those who serve in the courts, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially your servants Archbishop Stephen Wood and Jacqueline, Bishop Keith and Gail, Bishop-elect Phil and Julie, Suffragan Bishop Mark and Cindy, Father Brian and Jen, Deacon Nan and Charlie, Grace Anglican in Boise with Father Jeff and Lynn, and for all the clergy,

congregations and people of our diocese, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world and the Diocese of the South, strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

#### Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

\* At this time we will separate into groups of no more than five and pray in these groups for up to five minutes. You may also stand, sit, or kneel and pray alone quietly. Let the spontaneous Grace of God intersect the needs of this world through your prayer offering.

# Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

#### THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following offertory sentence is said.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:6-7* 

#### "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]* 

Daniel L. Schutte. ©1981 New Dawn UBP. Used by permission. OneLicense # A-609270.

#### THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low. Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

Public Domain

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

are to give to give initial undirections

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# **A**'**A**'**A**'

#### THE SANCTUS

# "Holy, Holy, Holy"

O Holy, Holy, Holy God
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
Bear witness to Your grace.
Ho – san – na in the highest heaven,
Creation sings Your praise.
And bles – sed is the One who comes
And bears Your name always

Words: Copyright © 2005 William S. Kervin & Paul Scott Music: Kingsfold, Traditional melody of England & Ireland

#### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled † with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FRACTION

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### THE AGNUS DEI

# "Agnus Dei"

Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world,
Have mercy\_\_ on us. [x2]
Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world,
Grant\_\_ us\_\_ peace\_\_
Mass of Our Lady of the Rockies | Shelly Clark 2023

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

# "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy saints are crowned with glory great; They see God face to face; They triumph still, they still rejoice; Most happy is their case.

There David stands with harp in hand As mast of the choir;
Ten thousand times that man were blest That might this music hear.

Our lady sings Magnificat
With tune surpassing sweet;
And all the virgins bear their part,
Sitting about her feet.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
Thine endless joy, and of the same
Partaker ever be.

Words: F. B. P., ca. 1593, based on Jean of Fecamp, 11<sup>th</sup> c. Music: The Christian Harp, 1832; arr. Annabel M. Buchanan 1938

# THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

**MILESTONES | CLERGY BLESSING** 

# "Go Forth for God"

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; Render to no one evil; Christ at length Shall overcome all darkness with His light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Words: J.R. Peacey © 1975 Hope Publishing Company Music: Pseaumes octantetrois de David, 1551; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1943

# THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

# **CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN**

MAIL	OFFICE
CCA	1200 Texas Ave
P.O. Box 3929	Butte, MT
Butte, MT 59702	www.CCAButte.org
cca.butte@gmail.com	
ONLINE GIVING	
CCAButte.org/donate	
OFFICE HOURS	-
Monday - Thursday	10:00 ам - 4:00 рм
WORSHIP	
Sunday at 10:00 AM	1200 Texas Ave
	Butte, MT
STAFF CONTACTS	
Fr. Brian Miller's Cell	(406) 498-6728
Office	(406) 782-2877
PRAYER REQUESTS	
Karen Marinos	(406) 494-5148
cuddles@bresnan.net	(406) 490-1721
PARISH COUNCIL	
John Nordhagen	President
Michelle Hall	Vice-President
Dan Kaluza	Secretary
Bob Chatriand	Treasurer
Patti Burt	
Judy Conlan	
Tom Vivian	

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Bryan Ahn

"...Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount after going up a mountain and sitting down (Matthew 5:1). He delivered the Sermon on the Plain after coming down from a mountain and standing on a level place (Luke 6:17). Luke's record of the Sermon on the Plain does not contain the extended teaching of Jesus on the law, and it includes various "woes" in addition to the beatitudes. Also, it seems that the audience in Matthew came from different places than the audience in Luke (compare Matthew 4:25 with Luke 6:17). It's possible that Luke's Sermon on the Plain is simply a condensed version of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, but it seems more likely that Jesus preached a similar sermon on two different occasions, making a few changes to better fit the audience at hand...

"Turning to the matter of perspective, Jesus says that we are often blind to our own faults, and we must beware of hypocrisy when trying to help others. Rather than identifying and criticizing the small shortcomings in the lives of others, we must learn to recognize our own personal faults.

"Jesus then uses the principle of the harvest to teach the importance of personal holiness before God. The fruit matches the tree; a good heart will bring forth good deeds and good words.

"Jesus closes the Sermon on the Plain with an admonition to follow through on our commitment. It's not enough to call Jesus "Lord"; we must actually do what He tells us (Luke 6:46). Those who obey the Lord will be unshakeable, like a house built on a solid rock (verses 47–48). Those who disobey or ignore the Lord's commands will be like a house with no foundation—they will experience a tragic collapse (verse 49).

"Throughout the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus points to eternity and commands us to be far-sighted, to live in light of heaven. And He points to Himself as the standard of righteousness and the very foundation of our lives." (GotQuestions.org)