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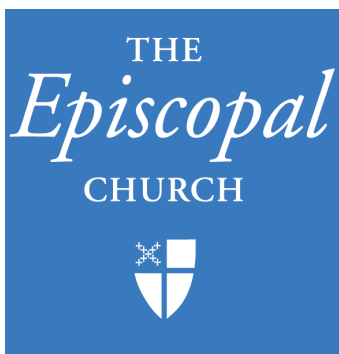
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

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Good morning! We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today. Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you are here for the *first time* (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982*. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (*The Gloria*) is found before hymn 1.

To learn more about Resurrection, check out www.episcopalloudon.com,
email us at office@episcopalloudon.com, or
find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Fill out a visitor card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to subscribe to our weekly church email, the *Parish Tidings*, for all the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook:
facebook.com/episcopalloudon.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 665

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All

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 Gloria *(Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus Isaiah 12:2-6*

BCP 86

Lector We will read the Canticle responsively by half verse.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Lector and People

Glory to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and shall be for ever.

Amen.

The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Lector A reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

Lord of all hopefulness (verses 1, 2 & 3)

Hymnal 482

The Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

Lord of all hopefulness (verse 4)

Hymnal 482

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able.
Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or
aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.*

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Hold a moment of silence.

For all our people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community of Loudon County, Tennessee, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, our Archbishop-designate; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our
Diocesan Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, praying especially for
**Ruth & Frank, Ginny, Diane & Cal, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., Kathleen;
Brenda B.; Jackie C.; David H.; and Jenon; and for all your children who
suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.**

Hold a moment of silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Hold a moment of silence. The People may add their own petitions.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your heavenly
kingdom.

Hold a moment of silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 359

Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

Offertory music

Doxology (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;
People and of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts) (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you,
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

Hymnal S-124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Celebrant Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Hymn *(Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries | The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Come thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for our wardens, treasurer, and vestry.**

Today's guest accompanist is Star Stevens, who began her study of the piano above the local drugstore in downtown Crossville, Tennessee, at age four and a half. She subsequently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in piano performance from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). Ms. Stevens has accompanied numerous choral groups and was the keyboardist for the Unitarian Universalist Church in Harvard, Massachusetts, for 28 years. She has accompanied various student recitals for Southern Adventist University's School of Music and is currently accompanying the University's combined choral groups, as well as serving as resource secretary for the School of Religion.

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

There's still time to order your Christmas wreath from Church of the Resurrection!

Each wreath will be decorated with a hand-tied big red velvet bow, three pinecones, and a handcrafted Christmas pottery ornament. We will purchase the wreaths again from sellers in Northeast Tennessee, to assist those who were impacted by Hurricane Helene in 2024.

Our wreaths come in three sizes:

Small (15 inches): \$22

Medium (24 inches): \$32

Large (36 inches): \$50

25-ft. garland: \$30

To purchase, contact one of our sellers:

8 a.m.: Peggy Rogers; 10:30: Janey Coombes, Dianna Stimpson, Bev Baumgardner; Other: Jean Cardwell, Oralee Adams, Kathy Pittman

Episcopal Church Women

Wreath Assembly Day Tuesday, December 2

beginning at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Lunch will be provided!

**We need your help to assemble our wreaths
by volunteering on Wreath Assembly Day at
the Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 2.**

Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Parish Hall.

You can help in many ways, from decorating wreaths, to bringing supplies to the tables, to helping provide a lunch of soup, sandwiches, and cookies. We have enough jobs for everyone, with lots of fellowship included!

**Call Jean Cardwell or Kathy Pittman
if you have any questions.**

Our parish prayer list

Ruth & Frank, Ginny, Diane & Cal;

Jim; Tom; Marshall S; Kathleen;

Brenda B.; Jackie C.; David H.; Jenon

Continuing prayers for

Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.; the Hentchel family;

Pat; Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;

Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley; Ray-

nella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace;

Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

Pray for our vestry leaders

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K.

Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.

Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.

Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Sally L.

Upcoming birthdays

Jane Mocilac November 22

Emily Fiebke November 22

Elijah Fiebke November 25

Pat Hinton November 25

Amy Lee November 26

Carolyn Parker November 26

David McAfee November 28

Bonnie Smith November 30

Ruth Hennessy December 4

Dave St. John December 12

Jerry Ploeger December 17

Jenny Lucas December 18

Karen Blakley December 18

Vicky St. John December 23

David Baumgardner December 24

Keytha Graves December 25

Mel Hines December 30

Becky Bridges December 31

Upcoming anniversaries

Pam & David McAfee November 21

Rosemary & Gregg Kitts December 11

Nancy & Will Heathcote December 22

Jeanette & Paul Fiebke December 22

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

Nov. 16	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Monty Ross	Altar Guild Jenny Lucas &
Euch. Minister	Jack Lefler	TBD	Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Alice Anderson	Tony Adams	Flower Guild Betty Martin
Ushers	Carl Bye	Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley	Accompanist Star Stevens
Coffee Hour	Rosemary Kitts	Betsy Schwindt	Celebrant-Preacher Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Bill Schwindt &
Chancellor	Carl Bye	David Baumgardner	Ginny Tolbert

NEXT WEEK

Nov. 23	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Donna Bye	TBD	Altar Guild Jenny Lucas &
Euch. Minister	Andrew Wilkinson	Judy Egan	Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Diane Van Koughnett	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Bev Baumgardner
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Art Stewart & Jenny Lucas	Accompanist TBD
Coffee Hour	Erlys Ploeger	Virginia Perry	Celebrant-Preacher Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Carolyn Parker &
Chancellor	Carl Bye	Art Stewart	Alice Anderson

This week at Resurrection

Monday, November 17

10:30 a.m. Companions group

Tuesday, November 18

1:00 p.m. Education for Ministry

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 p.m. Noonday Eucharist

12:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study

Sunday, November 23

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral

Save the Date: Upcoming Parish Events

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. ECW Wreath Assembly Day

Sunday, December 14

4:00 p.m. Paper Bag Pageant

Tuesday, January 6

4-6 p.m. Three Kings Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 11

Annual Parish Meeting

Office hours

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesdays: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fridays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To contact our Parish Administrator Amy Lee,
email her at office@episcopalloudon.com.

Announcements deadline

To submit an item to be considered
for inclusion in The Tidings weekly email
and/or the printed bulletin announcements,
please be sure to submit your information
to Rev. Becky (rector@episcopalloudon.com)
by Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

To contact our priest, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges,
email rector@episcopalloudon.com
or call the church at (865) 986-2390.

Urgent pastoral needs after hours: (865) 242-9240.

TODAY'S ART

Tammam Azzam, 'Klimt, Freedom Graffiti', from the Syrian Museum series, 2013, Collection of artist; © Tammam Azzam.

Commentary by Eric C. Smith. 2022. 'What Wonderful Stones!', in The Visual Commentary on Scripture ed. by Ben Quash. (London: The Visual Commentary on Scripture Foundation). [Accessed 10.11.2025] <https://thevcs.org/keep-awake#what-wonderful-stones>

It's a familiar image to many, even iconic within the canon of Western art: Gustav Klimt's *The Kiss*. But this digital work by Tammam Azzam turns Klimt's ubiquitous painting into something haunted and disturbing.

Azzam superimposes *The Kiss* onto the façade of a ruined building in his native Syria, layering the familiar and the romantic onto the abhorrent and the tragic. The contents of flats and the everyday existences they once housed spill out through bombed-out walls like entrails: a toilet, shelving, wiring, splintered furniture. The effect is jarring, like staring at a desiccated corpse.

At first glance the composition is familiar, the shape of the two lovers' bodies registering in the viewer's mind. But an instant later the horror of this re-presentation of Klimt's work follows. The viewer sees the destruction behind the familiarity of the image, and with it comes the recognition that something has gone terribly wrong.

Luke's twenty-first chapter, Mark's thirteenth chapter, and Matthew's twenty-fourth chapter foretell just the kind of destruction we see in Azzam's work. Jesus's most sustained apocalyptic vision begins with the physical and the structural, referring to the Jerusalem Temple: 'Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down' (Mark 13:2). But quickly Jesus's words turn to direr predictions of human misery: refugees fleeing the city and leaving their lives behind (vv. 14–16), the intense suffering of the most vulnerable (v.17), the fabric of society being torn apart (v. 12). Jesus's vision would come to pass just a few decades later, in the chaos and violence of the Jewish War of 66–70 CE, which visited annihilation upon the city of Jerusalem and the surrounding landscape and produced untold suffering among the people.

Both for Azzam's Syria and for the Gospels' Jerusalem temple, the desolation of the exterior points to a more severe devastation within. The grotesque demolition of buildings implies an even grimmer destruction of human lives. In Azzam's reworking of *The Kiss*, the human toll of war is visible because of its absence; human beings no longer appear to inhabit these spaces, and Klimt's lovers are the only faces to be seen. In these Gospel accounts, the lives of the city are on display in all of their vulnerability, as avatars of the suffering that Jesus foretells.
