

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

33rd Week of Year. Thursday 19th November. Readings of Day: Apoc. 5:1-10; Psalm: 149; Gospel: Luke 19:41-44.

Apocalyptic literature is as old as history. Sometimes I think that our obsession with science fiction is just another form of such literature. Books like 'Mein Kampf' or even 'Das Kapital' have the effect of changing history because they are attempts to explain history. For some, it is what they want to hear, and it empowers them to be open for change. Maybe even the Gospels themselves can come into that category sometimes. History has that power, and it can be most dangerous when it seems to be most disinterested, to claim absolute truth. In our social media age, we seem to be obsessed with conspiracy theories and 'fake' news. Ultimately this destroys our belief in such a thing as truth. Pope Benedict has constantly reminded us of the dangers of losing sight of the truth and of 'relativism'. We can get lost in a fog and lose our bearings. In the Apocalypse we have a vision of the gathered Church and at its centre the lamb of God. This is a different kind of power from that displayed in most visions of the future. The lamb has been victorious, not by destroying its enemies, but by overcoming hatred and division. Really a vision for the future for us and the all the Church.