

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

The Old Testament is written in the second chapter of the prophet Malachi, beginning at the 13th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1,105.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

[And this is the second thing you do:
You cover the altar of the Lord with
tears, With weeping and crying;
So He does not regard the offering
anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill
from your hands.]

Yet you say, “For what reason?”
Because the Lord has been witness
Between you and the wife of your
youth, With whom you have dealt
treacherously; Yet she is your
companion And your wife by covenant.

But did He not make them one, Having
a remnant of the Spirit?

And why one?
He seeks godly offspring.

Therefore take heed to your spirit, And
let none deal treacherously with the
wife of his youth.

“For the Lord God of Israel says That
He hates divorce, For it covers one’s
garment with violence,” Says the Lord
of hosts.

“Therefore take heed to your spirit, That
you do not deal treacherously.” You
have wearied the Lord with your words;

Yet you say, “In what way have we
wearied Him?”

In that you say, “Everyone who does
evil Is good in the sight of the Lord,
And He delights in them,” Or, “Where
is the God of justice?”

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 11

1 IN the Lord put I my trust; * how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver, * that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, * what can the righteous do?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple; * the Lord's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor, * and his eyelids try the children of men.

6 The Lord approveth the righteous: * but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest: * this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; * his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

Glory be...

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The Epistle is written in the fifth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the 15th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 217.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly,
not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the
time, because the days are evil.
Wherefore be ye not unwise, but
understanding what the will of the Lord
is.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is
excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

speaking to yourselves in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody in your heart to the
Lord; giving thanks always for all
things unto God and the Father in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
submitting yourselves one to another in
the fear of God.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.