

### The Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity

The Old Testament is written in the 64th chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 859.

*(Pause to allow parishioners a moment to orient their thoughts.)*

Oh, that You would rend the heavens!  
That You would come down!

That the mountains might shake at Your presence—  
As fire burns brushwood,  
As fire causes water to boil—  
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,  
That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

When You did awesome things for which we did not look,  
You came down,  
The mountains shook at Your presence.

For since the beginning of the world  
Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear,  
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,  
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,  
Who remembers You in Your ways.  
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—  
In these ways we continue;  
And we need to be saved.

But we are all like an unclean thing,  
And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;  
We all fade as a leaf,  
And our iniquities, like the wind,  
Have taken us away.

And there is no one who calls on Your name,  
Who stirs himself up to take hold of You;  
For You have hidden Your face from us,  
And have consumed us because of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord,  
You are our Father;  
We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all we are the work of Your hand.

Do not be furious, O Lord,  
Nor remember iniquity forever;  
Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

Your holy cities are a wilderness,  
Zion is a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation.

Our holy and beautiful temple,  
Where our fathers praised You,  
Is burned up with fire;  
And all our pleasant things are laid waste.

Will You restrain Yourself because of these things, O Lord?  
Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

*(Pause for a count of 5)*  
This is the word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 33

- 1 REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous; \* for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the Lord with harp; \* sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto the Lord a new song; \* sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true; \* and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; \* the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; \* and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; \* and layeth up the deep, as in a treasurehouse.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: \* stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spake, and it was done; \* he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, \* and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
- 11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, \* and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH; \* and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men; \* from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them, \* and understandeth all their works.
- 15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; \* neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
- 16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; \* neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, \* and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
- 18 To deliver their soul from death, \* and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; \* for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 For our heart shall rejoice in him; \* because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \* like as we do put our trust in thee.

*Glory be...*

**The Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity**

The New Testament is written in the third chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, beginning at the 17th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 222.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

BRETHREN, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed unto the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.