

The Second Sunday after Easter

The Old Testament is written in the 40th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 828.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”
Says your God.

“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry
out to her, That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned; For she
has received from the Lord’s hand
Double for all her sins.”

The voice of one crying in the
wilderness: “Prepare the way of the
Lord; Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted And every
mountain and hill brought low; The
crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together; For
the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

The voice said, “Cry out!”
And he said, “What shall I cry?”

“All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness
is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the Lord blows
upon it; Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands
forever.”

O Zion, You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, You who bring good
tidings, Lift up your voice with
strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to
the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

Behold, the Lord God shall come with a
strong hand, And His arm shall rule for
Him; Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.

He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom, And
gently lead those who are with young.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 23

1 THE Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be...

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The New Testament is written in the second chapter of St. Peter's First Epistle beginning at the 19th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 172.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

THIS is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither

was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.