

## The Sunday after Ascension (Observing Ascension Day)

The Old Testament is written in the seventh chapter of Daniel, beginning at the ninth verse. (Daniel 7:9-10 and 13-14)

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 1029.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

9 "I watched till thrones were <sup>[a]</sup>put  
in place,  
And the Ancient of Days was seated;  
His garment *was* white as snow,  
And the hair of His head *was* like  
pure wool.  
His throne *was* a fiery flame,  
Its wheels a burning fire;

10 A fiery stream issued  
And came forth from before Him.  
A thousand thousands ministered  
to Him;  
Ten thousand times ten thousand  
stood before Him.  
The <sup>[b]</sup>court was seated,  
And the books were opened.

13 "I was watching in the night  
visions,  
And behold, *One* like the Son of  
Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven!  
He came to the Ancient of Days,  
And they brought Him near before  
Him.

14 Then to Him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
That all peoples, nations, and  
languages should serve Him.  
His dominion *is* an everlasting  
dominion,  
Which shall not pass away,  
And His kingdom *the one*  
Which shall not be destroyed.

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This is the word of the Lord.

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## Psalm 96

### *Cantate Domino*

<sup>1</sup> O sing unto the Lord a new song; \* sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; \* be telling of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his honor unto the heathen, \* and his wonders unto all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; \* but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Glory and worship are before him; \* power and honor are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, \* ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; \* bring presents, and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

<sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; \* and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \* let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

<sup>12</sup> Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \* then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

*Glory be...*

## The Sunday after Ascension (Observing Ascension Day)

The New Testament is written in the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first chapter, first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 177.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.