

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Reading from Book of Proverbs, Chapter 26, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 755.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

26 As snow in summer

and rain in harvest,

So honor is not fitting for a fool.

2 Like a flitting sparrow,

like a flying swallow,

So a curse without cause

shall not alight.

3 A whip for the horse,

A bridle for the donkey,

And a rod for the fool's back.

4 Do not answer a fool

according to his folly,

Lest you also be like him.

5 Answer a fool

according to his folly,

Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 He who sends a message

by the hand of a fool

Cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks

violence.

7 *Like* the legs of the lame

that hang limp

Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling

Is he who gives honor to a fool.

9 *Like* a thorn

that goes into the hand of a drunkard

Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

10 The great *God* who formed everything

Gives the fool *his* hire

and the transgressor *his* wages.

11 As a dog returns to his own vomit,

So a fool repeats his folly.

12 Do you see a man

wise in his own eyes?

There is more hope for a fool

than for him.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 34:1-8

I WILL alway give thanks unto the LORD; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the LORD with me, * and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me; * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him; * and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

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The Epistle is written in the 6th chapter of Galatians beginning at the 11th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 210.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

YE see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the Law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

(Pause for a count of 5)

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