

## Trinity 18

The Reading from the eighth chapter of the Prophet Amos, beginning at the fourth verse.  
This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1,063.

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

Hear this, you who swallow up the needy,  
And make the poor of the land fail,  
Saying:

“When will the New Moon be past,  
That we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath,  
That we may trade wheat?  
Making the ephah small  
and the shekel large,  
Falsifying the scales by deceit,  
That we may buy the poor for silver,  
And the needy for a pair of sandals—  
Even sell the bad wheat?”

The LORD has sworn  
by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any  
of their works.  
Shall the land not tremble for this,  
And everyone mourn who dwells in it?  
All of it shall swell like the River,  
Heave and subside  
Like the River of Egypt.

“And it shall come to pass in that day,”  
says the Lord GOD,  
“That I will make the sun go down at  
noon, And I will darken the earth in broad  
daylight;  
I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
And all your songs into lamentation;  
I will bring sackcloth on every waist,  
And baldness on every head;  
I will make it like mourning for an only  
*son*, And its end like a bitter day.

“Behold, the days are coming,”  
says the Lord GOD,  
“That I will send a famine on the land,  
Not a famine of bread,  
Nor a thirst for water,  
But of hearing the words of the LORD.  
They shall wander from sea to sea,  
And from north to east; They shall run to  
and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,  
But shall not find *it*.

This is the word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 48

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised \* in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; \* upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth \* were gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things; \* they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, \* as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou dost break the ships of the sea \* through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \* God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, \* in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; \* thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, \* because of thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her; \* and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, \* that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: \* he shall be our guide unto death.

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The Epistle is written in the first chapter of Corinthians, beginning at the fourth verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 214.

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

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

*This is the word of the Lord.*