

The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

The reading from the 59th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 15th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 854.

[Pause] Then the Lord saw *the injustice and oppression*, and it displeased Him
That *there was* no justice.

He saw that *there was* no man,
And wondered that *there was* no intercessor;
Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him;
And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.
For He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
And a helmet of salvation on His head;
He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing,
And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
According to *their* deeds,
accordingly He will repay,
Fury to His adversaries,
Recompense to His enemies;
The coastlands He will fully repay.
So shall they fear

The name of the Lord from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun;
When the enemy comes in like a flood,
The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.
“The Redeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,”
Says the Lord.

“As for Me,” says the Lord,
“*this is* My covenant with them:
My Spirit who *is* upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,”
says the Lord, “from this time and forevermore.”

[Pause] This is the Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 76

IN Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.

Thou art glorious in might, * when thou comest from the hills of the robbers.

The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep; * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.

Thou, even thou art to be feared; * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled, and was still,

When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise; * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

Promise unto the LORD your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

He shall refrain the spirit of princes, * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

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The reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6, beginning at the tenth verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 219.

[Pause] MY brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth; and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all,

taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

[Pause] This is the word of the Lord.