

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

The reading from the 64th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 859.

Oh, that You would rend the heavens!
That You would come down!
That the mountains might shake at Your presence—
As fire burns brushwood,
As fire causes water to boil—
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,
You came down,
The mountains shook at Your presence.
For since the beginning of the world
Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.
You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,
Who remembers You in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
In these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.

But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and You our potter;
And all we *are* the work of Your hand.
Do not be furious, O LORD,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Indeed, please look—we all *are* Your people!
Your holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
Our holy and beautiful temple,

Where our fathers praised You,
Is burned up with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid waste.
Will You restrain Yourself because of these *things*, O LORD?
Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

[Pause]

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 33 verses 1-12 only

REJOICE in the LORD,
O ye righteous; * for it
becometh well the just to
be thankful.

2 Praise the LORD with
harp; * sing praises unto
him with the lute, and
instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the LORD a
new song; * sing praises
lustily unto him with a
good courage.

4 For the word of the
LORD is true; * and all his
works are faithful.

5 He loveth
righteousness and
judgment; * the earth is
full of the goodness of the
LORD.

6 By the word of the
LORD were the heavens
made; * and all the host¹
of them by the breath of
his mouth.

7 He gathereth the
waters of the sea together,
as it were upon an heap; *
and layeth up the deep, as
in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear
the LORD: * stand in awe
of him, all ye that dwell in
the world.

9 For he spake, and it
was done; * he

commanded, and it stood
fast.

10 The LORD bringeth
the counsel of the heathen
to nought, * and maketh
the devices of the people
to be of none effect, and
casteth out the counsels of
princes.

11 The counsel of the
LORD shall endure for
ever, * and the thoughts of
his heart from generation
to generation.

12 Blessed are the
people whose God is the
Lord JEHOVAH; * and
blessed are the folk that
he hath chosen to him, to
be his inheritance.

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The reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 3, beginning at the 17th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 222.

[Pause]

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

[Pause] This is the word of the Lord.