

The First Sunday after Epiphany
of the octave

The reading from the Book of Proverbs, chapter 8, beginning at the 22nd verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 733.

[PAUSE]

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning
of His way,
Before His works of old.
I have been established from everlasting,
From the beginning, before there was ever
an earth.
When *there were* no depths I was brought
forth,
When *there were* no fountains abounding
with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills, I was brought forth;
While as yet He had not made the earth or
the fields,
Or the primal dust of the world.
When He prepared the heavens,
I *was* there,
When He drew a circle on the face of the
deep,
When He established the clouds above,
When He strengthened the fountains of
the deep,
When He assigned to the sea its limit,

So that the waters would not transgress
His command,
When He marked out the foundations of
the earth,
Then I was beside Him *as* a master
craftsman;
And I was daily *His* delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
Rejoicing in His inhabited world,
And my delight *was* with the sons of men.
“Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children,
For blessed *are those who* keep my ways.
Hear instruction and be wise,
And do not disdain *it*.
Blessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
For whoever finds me finds life,
And obtains favor from the LORD;
But he who sins against me wrongs his
own soul;
All those who hate me love death.”

[PAUSE]

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 72:1-8

GIVE the King thy judgments, O
God, * and thy righteousness unto
the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people
according unto right, * and defend
the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace,
* and the little hills righteousness
unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their
right, * defend the children of the
poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the
sun and moon endureth, * from one
generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain
upon the mown grass, * even as the
drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous
flourish; * yea, and abundance of
peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the
one sea to the other, * and from the
River unto the world's end.

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The reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 110.

[PAUSE] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among

you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

[PAUSE] This is the word of the Lord.