

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah, chapter 8, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1096.

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the word of the LORD of hosts came,
saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts:
‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal;
With great fervor I am zealous for her.’

“Thus says the LORD:

‘I will return to Zion,
And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
Jerusalem shall be called the City of
Truth,
The Mountain of the LORD of hosts,
The Holy Mountain.’

“Thus says the LORD of hosts:

‘Old men and old women shall again sit
In the streets of Jerusalem,
Each one with his staff in his hand
Because of great age.
The streets of the city
Shall be full of boys and girls
Playing in its streets.’

“Thus says the LORD of hosts:

‘If it is marvelous in the eyes of the rem-
nant of this people in these days,
Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’
Says the LORD of hosts.

“Thus says the LORD of hosts:

‘Behold, I will save My people from the
land of the east

And from the land of the west;
I will bring them *back*,
And they shall dwell in the midst of
Jerusalem.
They shall be My people
And I will be their God,
In truth and righteousness.’

(Continuing in verse 20)

“Thus says the LORD of hosts:

‘Peoples shall yet come,
Inhabitants of many cities;
The inhabitants of one *city* shall go to an-
other, saying,
“Let us continue to go and pray before
the LORD,
And seek the LORD of hosts.
I myself will go also.”
Yes, many peoples and strong nations
Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in
Jerusalem,
And to pray before the LORD.’

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those
days ten men from every language of the
nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish
man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we
have heard *that God is with you.*”’”

[PAUSE] This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 118:1-16

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious; * because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, * and that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now confess, * that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Yea, let them now that fear the LORD confess, * that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in trouble; * and the LORD heard me at large.

6 The LORD is on my side; * I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me; * therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD, * than to put any confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD, * than to put any confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me round about; * but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side; * but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns; * for in the Name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall; * but the LORD was my help.

14 The LORD is my strength, and my song; * and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the LORD hath the preeminence; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

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A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, beginning at the 6th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 111.

[PAUSE] Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring

one another: not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Be of the same mind one towards another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

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