

The Second Sunday in Lent

A reading from the First Book of Kings, chapter 8, beginning at the 37th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 396.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

When King Solomon dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem, he prayed before all the people, O God, “When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; 38 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: 39 then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), 40 that they may fear

You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers. 41 “Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name’s sake 42 (for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, 43 hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

(Pause)

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 86:1-8

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me; * for I am poor, and in misery.

Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer, * and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: * my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; * for thou hearest me.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord; * for I will call daily upon thee.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; * there is not one that can do as thou doest.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; * for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, * and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

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A reading from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 4, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 127.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

WE beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk, and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what charges we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel

in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God; that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter; because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.