

First Sunday after Easter

A reading from the the prophet Isaiah, chapter 43, beginning at the 1st verse. This passage may be found in your pew Bible on page 833.

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 66

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; *
sing praises unto the honour of his
Name; make his praise to be
glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art
thou in thy works! * through the
greatness of thy power shall thine
enemies bow down unto thee.

For all the world shall worship
thee, * sing of thee, and praise thy
Name.

O come hither, and behold the
works of God; * how wonderful he
is in his doing toward the children
of men.

He turned the sea into dry land, *
so that they went through the water
on foot; there did we rejoice
thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever;
his eyes behold the nations: * and
such as will not believe shall not be
able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye peoples, * and
make the voice of his praise to be
heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life; * and
suffereth not our feet to slip.

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A reading from the First Epistle of St. John, chapter 5, beginning at the 4th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 170.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

WHATSOEVER is born of God
overcometh the world: and this is the
victory that overcometh the world,
even our faith. Who is he that
overcometh the world, but he that
believeth that Jesus is the Son of
God? This is he that came by water
and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by
water only, but by water and blood.
And it is the Spirit that beareth
witness, because the Spirit is truth.
For there are three that bear record in
heaven, the Father, the Word, and the
Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
If we receive the witness of men, the

witness of God is greater: for this is
the witness of God which he hath
testified of his Son. He that believeth
on the Son of God hath the witness in
himself: he that believeth not God
hath made him a liar, because he
believeth not the record that God
gave of his Son. And this is the
record, that God hath given to us
eternal life; and this life is in his
Son. He that hath the Son hath life;
and he that hath not the Son of God
hath not life.

(Pause for a count of 5)

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