

Easter 4

A reading from the Book of Job, chapter 19, beginning at the 21st verse.
This passage may be found as an insert in your pew Bible on page 593.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!

22 Why do you, like God, pursue me?
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

23 “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were graven in the rock
for ever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at last he will stand upon the earth;

26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then from my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 116

MY delight is in the LORD; * because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, * and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD; * O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; * yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple: * I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; * for the LORD hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, * mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD * in the land of the living.

I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I

was sore troubled: * I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the LORD * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: * right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant; * I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the LORD'S house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

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A reading from the Epistle of St. James, chapter 1, beginning at the 17th verse. This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 174.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will he brought us to birth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and residue of wickedness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.