

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

A reading from the Ecclesiasticus, chapter 1, beginning at the 18th verse.

The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health to flourish; both which are the gifts of God: and it enlargeth their rejoicing that love him.

Wisdom raineth down skill and knowledge of understanding standing, and exalteth them to honour that hold her fast.

The root of wisdom is to fear the Lord, and the branches thereof are long life.

The fear of the Lord driveth away sins: and where it is present, it turneth away wrath.

A furious man cannot be justified; for the sway of his fury shall be his destruction.

A patient man will tear for a time, and afterward joy shall spring up unto him.

He will hide his words for a time, and the lips of many shall declare his wisdom.

The parables of knowledge are in the treasures of wisdom: but godliness is an abomination to a sinner.

If thou desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord shall give her unto thee.

For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction: and faith and meekness are his delight.

(Pause for 5 seconds)

This is the Word of Lord.

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Psalm 119:33-48

TEACH me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, * and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; * yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; * for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, * and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; * and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of; * for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments; * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O LORD, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers; * for my trust is in thy word.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth; * for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I always keep thy law; * yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty; * for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings, * and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in thy commandments, * which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; * and my study shall be in thy statutes.

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A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, beginning at the 12th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 200.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

MY BRETHREN, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.