

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

The Reading Old Testament is written in the 2nd chapter of the Prophet Malachi beginning at the 13th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1105.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

And this is the second thing you do:
You cover the altar of the LORD with
tears, With weeping and crying; So He
does not regard the offering anymore,
Nor receive *it* with goodwill from your
hands.

Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because
the LORD has been witness between you
and the wife of your youth, with whom
you have dealt treacherously; Yet she
is your companion and your wife by
covenant.

But did He not make *them* one, Having a
remnant of the Spirit? And why one?

He seeks godly offspring. Therefore, take
heed to your spirit, And let none deal
treacherously with the wife of his youth.
“For the LORD God of Israel says that He
hates divorce, For it covers one’s garment
with violence,” Says the LORD of hosts.

“Therefore, take heed to your spirit,
That you do not deal treacherously.”
You have wearied the LORD with your
words; Yet you say, “In what way have
we wearied *Him*?” In that you say,
“Everyone who does evil *is* good in the
sight of the LORD, And He delights in
them,” Or, “Where *is* the God of justice?”

[Pause]

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 11

IN the LORD put I my trust; * how say ye
then to my soul, that she should flee as a
bird unto the hill?

For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and
make ready their arrows within the quiver,
* that they may privily shoot at them
which are true of heart.

If the foundations be destroyed, * what can
the righteous do?

The LORD is in his holy temple; * the
LORD'S seat is in heaven.

His eyes consider the poor, * and his
eyelids try the children of men.

The LORD approveth the righteous: * but
the ungodly, and him that delighteth in
wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire
and brimstone, storm and tempest: * this
shall be their portion to drink.

For the righteous LORD loveth
righteousness; * his countenance will
behold the thing that is just.

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The Epistle is written in the 5th chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians beginning at the 15th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 217.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God, even the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

[Pause]

This is the word of the Lord.