

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The Old Testament is written in the first chapter of the Prophet of Habakkuk, beginning at the 12th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1081.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

Are You not from everlasting,
O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, You have appointed them for
judgment;
O Rock, You have marked them for
correction.
You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,
And cannot look on wickedness.
Why do You look on those who deal
treacherously,
And hold Your tongue when the wicked
devours
A *person* more righteous than he?
Why do You make men like fish of the sea,
Like creeping things *that have* no ruler over
them?
They take up all of them with a hook,
They catch them in their net,
And gather them in their dragnet.
Therefore they rejoice and are glad.
Therefore they sacrifice to their net,
And burn incense to their dragnet;
Because by them their share *is* sumptuous
And their food plentiful.
Shall they therefore empty their net,
And continue to slay nations without pity?
I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what He will say to me,
And what I will answer when I am corrected.
Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write

the vision, And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.
For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry.
"Behold the proud,
His soul is not upright in him;
But the just shall live by his faith.
"Woe to him who covets evil gain for his
house, That he may set his nest on high,
That he may be delivered from the power of
disaster!
You give shameful counsel to your house,
Cutting off many peoples,
And sin *against* your soul.
For the stone will cry out from the wall,
And the beam from the timbers will
answer it.
"Woe to him who builds a town with
bloodshed,
Who establishes a city by iniquity!
Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts
That the peoples labor to feed the fire,
And nations weary themselves in vain?
**For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of
the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.**

This is the word of the Lord

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The Psalter – Psalm 15

LORD, who shall dwell in
thy tabernacle? * or who
shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an
uncorrupt life, * and doeth
the thing which is right, and
speaketh the truth from his
heart.

He that hath used no deceit
in his tongue, nor done evil
to his neighbour, * and hath
not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by
himself, but is lowly in his
own eyes, * and maketh
much of them that fear the
LORD.

He that sweareth unto his
neighbour, and
disappointeth him not, *
though it were to his own
hindrance.

He that hath not given his
money upon usury, * nor
taken reward against the
innocent.

Whoso doeth these things *
shall never fall.

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The New Testament is written in the third chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, beginning at the 12th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 115.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

PUT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, mercy and compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which

also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.