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The Old Testament is written in the fiftieth chapter of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 4th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 844.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

“The Lord GOD has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to *him who is* weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.

5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.

6 I gave My back to those who
struck *Me*,
And My cheeks to those who plucked
out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame
and spitting.

7 “For the Lord GOD will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face
like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.

8 *He is* near who justifies Me;
Who will contend with Me?
Let us stand together.

Who *is* My adversary?
Let him come near Me.

9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me;
Who *is* he *who* will condemn Me?
Indeed they will all grow old like a
garment;
The moth will eat them up.

10 “Who among you fears the LORD?
Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
Who walks in darkness
And has no light?
Let him trust in the name of the LORD
And rely upon his God.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 71

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust;
let me never be put to confusion, * but
rid me and deliver me in thy
righteousness; incline thine ear unto me,
and save me.

Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may
always resort: * thou hast promised to
help me, for thou art my house of
defence, and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand
of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the
unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou, O Lord GOD, art the thing that
I long for: * thou art my hope, even from
my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever
since I was born: * thou art he that took
me out of my mother's womb: my praise
shall be always of thee.

I am become as it were a monster unto
many, * but my sure trust is in thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise,
* that I may sing of thy glory and honour
all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age; *
forsake me not when my strength faileth
me.

For mine enemies speak against me; *
and they that lay wait for my soul take
their counsel together, saying,

God hath forsaken him; * persecute him,
and take him, for there is none to deliver
him.

Go not far from me, O God; * my God,
haste thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish that
are against my soul; * let them be
covered with shame and dishonour that
seek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide always, *
and will praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy
righteousness and salvation; * for I know
no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord
GOD, *and will make mention of thy
righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my
youth up until now; * therefore will I tell
of thy wondrous works.

17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old
age, when I am gray-headed, * until I
have showed thy strength unto this
generation, and thy power to all them
that are yet for to come.

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The Epistle is written in the eleventh chapter of St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the 19th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 120.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

YE suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak: howbeit, whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool,) I am more: in labours more abundant; in stripes above measure; in prisons more frequent; in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one; thrice was I beaten with rods; once was I stoned; thrice I suffered shipwreck; a night

and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often; in perils of waters; in perils of robbers; in perils by mine own countrymen; in perils by the heathen; in perils in the city; in perils in the wilderness; in perils in the sea; in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness; in watchings often; in hunger and thirst; in fastings often; in cold and nakedness; besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

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