

Quinquagesima

The Old Testament is written in the tenth chapter of the Book of Moses called Deuteronomy, beginning at the 12th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 214.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, *and* to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, *also* the earth with all that *is* in it. The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it is* this day. Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the

widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

“Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 103

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul;
* and all that is within me,
praise his holy Name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and
healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from
destruction, * and crowneth thee
with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with
good things, * making thee
young and lusty as an eagle.

The LORD executeth
righteousness and judgment *
for all them that are oppressed
with wrong.

He showed his ways unto
Moses, * his works unto the
children of Israel.

The LORD is full of compassion
and mercy, * long-suffering, and

of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding; *
neither keepeth he his anger for
ever.

He hath not dealt with us after
our sins; * nor rewarded us
according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is
in comparison of the earth; * so
great is his mercy also toward
them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is
from the west; * so far hath he
set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his
own children; * even so is the
LORD merciful unto them that
fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are
made; * he remembereth that we
are but dust.

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The New Testament is written in the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 122

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood

as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.