

Easter 3

The Old Testament is written in the second chapter the First Book of Samuel, beginning at the first verse

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 311.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;
My horn^[a] is exalted in the LORD.
I smile at my enemies,
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

² “No one is holy like the LORD,
For *there is* none besides You,
Nor *is there* any rock like our God.

³ “Talk no more so very proudly;
Let no arrogance come from your mouth,
For the LORD *is* the God of knowledge;
And by Him actions are weighed.

⁴ “The bows of the mighty men *are*
broken,
And those who stumbled are girded with
strength.

⁵ *Those who were* full have hired
themselves out for bread,
And the hungry have ceased *to hunger*.
Even the barren has borne seven,
And she who has many children has
become feeble.

⁶ “The LORD kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave
and brings up.

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up.

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the beggar from the ash heap,
To set *them* among princes
And make them inherit the
throne of glory.

“For the pillars of the
earth *are* the LORD’s,
And He has set the world upon them.

⁹ He will guard the feet of His saints,
But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.
“For by strength no man shall prevail.

¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be
broken in pieces;
From heaven He will thunder against
them.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.
“He will give strength to His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed.”

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 115

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; * for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, and see not.

They have ears, and hear not; * noses have they, and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; * neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the LORD; * he is their helper and defender.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the

LORD; * he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the LORD, put your trust in the LORD; * he is their helper and defender.

The LORD hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the LORD, * both small and great.

The LORD shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the LORD, * who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the LORD'S; * the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O LORD, * neither all they that go down into silence.

But we will praise the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the LORD.

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The New Testament is written in the second chapter of the First Epistle of St. Peter, beginning at the 11th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 173.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as

supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.