

### **The First Sunday after Epiphany**

The Old Testament is written in the eighth chapter of Proverbs, beginning at the 22nd verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 733.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of the world.

When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, When He assigned to the sea its limit,

So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it.

Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.

For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the Lord; But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death.”

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 72

1 GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, \* and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, \* and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, \* and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, \* defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, \* from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, \* even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \* yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, \* and from the River unto the world's end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; \* his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; \* the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; \* all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; \* the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy, \* and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; \* and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia; \* prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills ; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: \* and they of the city shall flourish like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities, which shall be blessed in him; \* and all the nations shall praise him.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, \* which only doeth wondrous things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: \* and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

*Glory be...*

## The First Sunday after Epiphany

The New Testament is written in the 12th chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 110.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*  
This is the word of the Lord.