

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

The Old Testament is written in the 15th chapter of the Book of Ecclesiasticus, beginning at the 11th verse.

This passage is taken from the Apocrypha. Ecclesiasticus is also known as Sirach.  
*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

Do not say, “Because of the Lord I left  
the right way”;  
for he will not do what he hates.

Do not say, “It was he who led me  
astray”;  
for he had no need of a sinful man.

The Lord hates all abominations,  
and they are not loved by those who  
fear him.

It was he who created man in the  
beginning,  
and he left him in the power of his  
own inclination.

If you will, you can keep the  
commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of  
your own choice.

He has placed before you fire and  
water:  
stretch out your hand for whichever  
you wish.

Before a man are life and death,  
and whichever he chooses will be  
given to him.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power and sees  
everything;

his eyes are on those who fear him,  
and he knows every deed of man.

He has not commanded any one to be  
ungodly,  
and he has not given any one  
permission to sin.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.

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**Psalm 139: 1-13, 23-24**

1 O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. \* Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed; \* and art acquainted with all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, \* but thou, O LORD , knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast beset me behind and before, \* and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; \* I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? \* or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; \* if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning, \* and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, \* and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; \* then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; \* the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine; \* thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: \* marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; \* prove me, and examine my thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; \* and lead me in the way everlasting.

***Glory be...***

### The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The New Testament is written in the third chapter of St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the fourth verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 206.

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

SUCH trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

But if the ministration of death, written and en-graven in stones, was glorious,

so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.