

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

The Old Testament is written in the fourth chapter of the prophet Micah, beginning at the first verse. (4:1-5 & 5:2-4)

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 1073.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

(4:1-5)

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the Lord's house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And peoples shall flow to it.

Many nations shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths."
For out of Zion the law shall go forth,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,
And rebuke strong nations afar off;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree,
And no one shall make them afraid;
For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all people walk each in the name of his god,
But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
Forever and ever.

(5:2-4)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old,
From everlasting."

Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel.

And He shall stand and feed His flock
In the strength of the Lord,
In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God;

And they shall abide,
For now He shall be great
To the ends of the earth;

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 65

- 1 THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; * and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
- 6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.
- 7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
- 12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
- 14 The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be...

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For the Epistle, the lesson is written in the 61st chapter of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 106.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

THE Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;

he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

(Pause for a count of 5)

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