

**The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

The Old Testament is written in the 41st chapter of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the eighth verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 830.

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

“But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, ‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

“The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the Lord, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

I will open rivers in desolate heights, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water.

I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, The myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine And the box tree together,

That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the Lord has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 42

1 LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, \* so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: \* when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, \* while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; \* for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \* among such as keep holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? \* and why art thou so disquieted within me?

7 O put thy trust in God; \* for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is vexed within me; \* therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, from Hermon and the little hill.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of thy water-floods; \* all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; \* and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? \* why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword, \* while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

13 Namely, while they say daily unto me, \* Where is now thy God?

14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? \* and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15 O put thy trust in God; \* for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Glory be...*

### **The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

The New Testament is written in the 12th chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, beginning at the 16th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 112.

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

BE not wise in your own conceits.  
Recompense to no man evil for evil.  
Provide things honest in the sight of all  
men. If it be possible, as much as lieth  
in you, live peaceably with all men.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves,  
but rather give place unto wrath: for it is

written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay,  
saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy  
hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him  
drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap  
coals of fire on his head. Be not  
overcome of evil, but overcome evil  
with good.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.