

### The Third Sunday after Easter

The Old Testament is written in the second chapter of the first book 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 is exalted in the Lord.  
I smile at my enemies,  
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

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

“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.

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

“The Lord kills and makes alive;  
He brings down to the grave and brings up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
He brings low and lifts up.  
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.  
He will guard the feet of His saints,  
But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.

“For by strength no man shall prevail.  
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.”

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

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**Psalm 36:5-12**

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, \* and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: \* thy judgments are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercy, O God! \* and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; \* and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life; \* and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, \* and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride come against me; \* and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

12 There are they fallen, all that work wickedness; \* they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

*Glory be...*

Psalm 138

1 WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; \* for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; \* and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord; \* for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; \* as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; \* thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; \* yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

*Glory be...*

**The Third Sunday after Easter**

The New Testament is written in the second chapter of St. Peter's First Epistle 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.