

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The Old Testament is written in the first chapter of the Prophet Habakkuk, beginning at the 12th verse. (*Hab. 1:12–2:4,9-14*)

This passage may be found in the pew Bible beginning on page 1081.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

Are You not from everlasting, O Lord
my God, my Holy One? We shall not
die. O Lord, You have appointed them
for judgment; O Rock, You have
marked them for correction.

You are of purer eyes than to behold
evil, And cannot look on wickedness.
Why do You look on those who deal
treacherously, and hold Your tongue
when the wicked devours a person more
righteous than he?

Why do You make men like fish of the
sea, like creeping things that have no
ruler over them?

They take up all of them with a hook,
They catch them in their net, And gather
them in their dragnet. Therefore they
rejoice and are glad.

Therefore they sacrifice to their net,
And burn incense to their dragnet;
Because by them their share is
sumptuous And their food plentiful.

Shall they therefore empty their net,
And continue to slay nations without
pity?

I will stand my watch and set myself on
the rampart, and watch to see what He
will say to me, and what I will answer
when I am corrected.

Then the Lord answered me and said:
“Write the vision And make it plain on
tablets, That he may run who reads it.

“For the vision is yet for an appointed
time; but at the end it will speak, and it
will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come, It will not
tarry.

“Behold the proud, His soul is not
upright in him; But the just shall live by
his faith. ...

“Woe to him who covets evil gain for
his house, That he may set his nest on
high, That he may be delivered from the
power of disaster!

You give shameful counsel to your
house, Cutting off many peoples,
And sin against your soul.

For the stone will cry out from the wall,
And the beam from the timbers will
answer it.

“Woe to him who builds a town with
bloodshed, Who establishes a city by
iniquity!

“For the earth will be filled With the
knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As
the waters cover the sea.”

Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts
That the peoples labor to feed the fire,
And nations weary themselves in vain?

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

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Psalm 15

1 LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? * or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, * and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, * and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, * and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, * though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury, * nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things * shall never fall.

Glory be...

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

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 116.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

PUT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God

rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.