

Trinity 20

The Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 9, beginning at the 4th verse.  
This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 771.

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

[Pause]

But for him who is joined to all the living  
there is hope, for a living dog is better  
than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they will die;  
But the dead know nothing,  
And they have no more reward,  
For the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, their hatred, and their  
envy have now perished;  
Nevermore will they have a share  
In anything done under the sun.

7 Go, eat your bread with joy,  
And drink your wine with a merry heart;  
For God has already accepted your works.

8 Let your garments always be white,  
And let your head lack no oil.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you  
love all the days of your vain life which  
He has given you under the sun, all your  
days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in  
life, and in the labor which you perform  
under the sun.

10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it*  
with your might; for *there is* no work or  
device or knowledge or wisdom in the  
grave where you are going.

[Pause]

This is the word of the Lord.

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**Psalm 11**

IN the LORD put I my trust; \* how say ye  
then to my soul, that she should flee as a  
bird unto the hill?

For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and  
make ready their arrows within the quiver,  
\* that they may privily shoot at them  
which are true of heart.

If the foundations be destroyed, \* what can  
the righteous do?

The LORD is in his holy temple; \* the  
LORD'S seat is in heaven.

His eyes consider the poor, \* and his  
eyelids try the children of men.

The LORD approveth the righteous: \* but  
the ungodly, and him that delighteth in  
wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire  
and brimstone, storm and tempest: \* this  
shall be their portion to drink.

For the righteous LORD loveth  
righteousness; \* his countenance will  
behold the thing that is just.

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A reading from St. Paul's First to the Ephesians, chapter 5, beginning at the 15th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 217.

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

[Pause]

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God, even the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

[Pause]

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