

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 41, beginning at the 8th verse.

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

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
9 you whom I took from the ends
of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";
10 fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right
hand.
11 Behold, all who are incensed
against you
shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.
12 You shall seek those who contend
with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.
13 For I, the Lord your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, "Fear not,
I am the one who helps you."
14 Fear not, you worm Jacob,
you men of Israel!
I am the one who helps you, declares
the Lord;

your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
15 Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge,
new, sharp, and having teeth;
you shall thresh the mountains and crush
them,
and you shall make the hills like chaff;
16 you shall winnow them, and the wind shall
carry them away,
and the tempest shall scatter them.
And you shall rejoice in the Lord;
in the Holy One of Israel you
shall glory.
17 When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the Lord will answer them;
I the God of Israel will not
forsake them.
18 I will open rivers on the bare 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.
19 I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
20 that they may see and know,
may consider and understand together,
that the hand of the Lord has done this,
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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The Psalter – Psalm 42

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

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

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

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;

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

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

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

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The reading from 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.