

Sunday Next Before Easter or Palm Sunday

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah, chapter 9, beginning at the 9th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 1098.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River^[a] to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you

This is the word of the Lord.

Psalm 97

THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof; * yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: * righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him, * and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world: * the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD; * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness, * and all the peoples have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: * worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad, * because of thy judgments, O LORD.

For thou, LORD, art higher than all that are in the earth: * thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: * the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; * and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, chapter 2, beginning at the 5th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 134.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every

name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.