

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

A reading from the Prophet Hosea, chapter 14, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in your pew Bible on page 1049.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

O Israel, return to the LORD your
God,
For you have stumbled because of
your iniquity;

² Take words with you,
And return to the LORD.
Say to Him,
“Take away all iniquity;
Receive *us* graciously,
For we will offer the sacrifices of
our lips.

³ Assyria shall not save us,
We will not ride on horses,
Nor will we say anymore to the
work of our hands, ‘*You are* our
gods.’
For in You the fatherless finds
mercy.”

⁴ “I will heal their backsliding,
I will love them freely,
For My anger has turned away from
him.

⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel;
He shall grow like the lily,
And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

⁶ His branches shall spread;
His beauty shall be like an olive tree,
And his fragrance like Lebanon.

⁷ Those who dwell under his shadow
shall return;
They shall be revived *like* grain,
And grow like a vine.
Their scent *shall be* like the wine of
Lebanon.

⁸ “Ephraim *shall say*, ‘What have I
to do anymore with idols?’
I have heard and observed him.
I *am* like a green cypress tree;
Your fruit is found in Me.”

⁹ Who *is* wise?
Let him understand these things.
Who is prudent?
Let him know them.
For the ways of the LORD *are* right;
The righteous walk in them,
But transgressors stumble in them.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 18:1-20

**I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength. *
The LORD is my stony rock, and my defence;**

**My Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I
will trust; * my buckler, the horn also of my
salvation, and my refuge.**

**I will call upon the LORD, which is worthy to
be praised; * so shall I be safe from mine
enemies.**

**The sorrows of death compassed me, * and the
overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.**

**The pains of hell came about me; * the snares
of death overtook me.**

**In my trouble I called upon the LORD, * and
complained unto my God:**

**So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, *
and my complaint came before him; it entered
even into his ears.**

**The earth trembled and quaked, * the very
foundations also of the hills shook, and were
removed, because he was wroth.**

**There went a smoke out in his presence, * and
a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals
were kindled at it.**

**He bowed the heavens also, and came down, *
and it was dark under his feet.**

**He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; * he
came flying upon the wings of the wind.**

**He made darkness his secret place, * his
pavilion round about him with dark water, and
thick clouds to cover him.**

**At the brightness of his presence his clouds
removed; * hailstones and coals of fire.**

**The LORD also thundered out of heaven, and
the Highest gave his thunder; * hailstones and
coals of fire.**

**He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; *
he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.**

**The springs of waters were seen, and the
foundations of the round world were
discovered, * at thy chiding, O LORD, at the
blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.**

**He sent down from on high to fetch me, * and
took me out of many waters.**

**He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and
from them which hate me; * for they were too
mighty for me**

**They came upon me in the day of my trouble; *
but the LORD was my upholder.**

**He brought me forth also into a place of
liberty; * he brought me forth, even because he
had a favour unto me.**

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A reading from the Epistle to the Romans, chapter 6, beginning at the 19th verse.
This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 198.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What

fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pause for a count of 5)

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