

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

The Old Testament is written in the 64th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 859.

Oh, that You would rend the heavens!
That You would come down!
That the mountains might shake at Your presence—
As fire burns brushwood,
As fire causes water to boil—
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,
You came down,
The mountains shook at Your presence.
For since the beginning of the world
Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.
You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,
Who remembers You in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
In these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.

But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and You our potter;
And all we *are* the work of Your hand.
Do not be furious, O LORD,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Indeed, please look—we all *are* Your people!
Your holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
Our holy and beautiful temple,

Where our fathers praised You,
Is burned up with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid waste.
Will You restrain Yourself because of these *things*, O LORD?
Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

[Pause]

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 33 verses 1-12 only

<p>REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; * for it becometh well the just to be thankful.</p> <p>2 Praise the LORD with harp; * sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.</p> <p>3 Sing unto the LORD a new song; * sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.</p> <p>4 For the word of the LORD is true; * and all his works are faithful.</p> <p>5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; * the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.</p>		<p>as it were upon an heap; * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.</p> <p>8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: * stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.</p> <p>9 For he spake, and it was done; * he commanded, and it stood fast.</p> <p>10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, * and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.</p> <p>11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, * and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.</p>	
<p>6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; * and all the host¹ of them by the breath of his mouth.</p> <p>7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together,</p>		<p>12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH; * and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.</p>	

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The Epistle is written in the 3rd chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, beginning at the 17th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 222.

[Pause]

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame,

who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

[Pause] This is the word of the Lord.