

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

The Old Testament is written in the 3rd chapter of the Prophet Malachi, beginning at the 13th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1107

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you

shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 66

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; * sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! * through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee, * sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God; * how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land, * so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: * and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye peoples, * and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life; * and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us; * thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare; * and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; * we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows, * which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams; * I will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; * and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth, * and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart, * the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me; * and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, * nor turned his mercy from me.

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The Epistle is written in the 1st chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Collosians beginning at the 3rd verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 223.

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WE give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints; for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the Gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world, and bringeth forth fruit and increaseth, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth. As ye also learned of Epaphras, our dear fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you and make request that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

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This is the word of the Lord.