

## First Sunday after Easter

A reading from the forty-third chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 833.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

1 But now, thus says the Lord, who  
created you, O Jacob,

And He who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by your name;  
You are Mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I  
will be with you;  
And through the rivers, they shall not  
overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you  
shall not be burned,  
Nor shall the flame scorch you.

3 For I am the Lord your God,  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I gave Egypt for your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

4 Since you were precious in My sight,  
You have been honored,  
And I have loved you;  
Therefore I will give men for you,  
And people for your life.

5 Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your descendants from the  
east,  
And gather you from the west;

6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them  
up!’  
And to the south, ‘Do not keep them  
back!’

Bring My sons from afar, And My  
daughters from the ends of the  
earth—

7 Everyone who is called by My name,  
Whom I have created for My glory;  
I have formed him, yes, I have made  
him.”

8 Bring out the blind people who have  
eyes,  
And the deaf who have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered to-  
gether,

And let the people be assembled.  
Who among them can declare this,  
And show us former things?

Let them bring out their witnesses,  
that they may be justified;  
Or let them hear and say, “It is truth.”

10 “You are My witnesses,” says the  
Lord,  
“And My servant whom I have chosen,  
That you may know and believe Me,  
And understand that I am He.

Before Me there was no God formed,  
Nor shall there be after Me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord,  
And besides Me there is no savior.

12 I have declared and saved,  
I have proclaimed,  
And there was no foreign god among  
you;

Therefore you are My witnesses,”  
Says the Lord, “that I am God.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

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.

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The New Testament is written in the fifth chapter of St. John's first epistle, beginning at the 4th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 170.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

WHATSOEVER is born of God  
overcometh the world: and this is the  
victory that overcometh the world, even  
our faith. Who is he that overcometh  
the world, but he that believeth that  
Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that  
came by water and blood, even Jesus  
Christ; not by water only, but by water  
and blood. And it is the Spirit that  
beareth witness, because the Spirit is  
truth. For there are three that bear  
record in heaven, the Father, the Word,  
and the Holy Ghost: and these three are

one. If we receive the witness of men,  
the witness of God is greater: for this is  
the witness of God which he hath  
testified of his Son. He that believeth  
on the Son of God hath the witness in  
himself: he that believeth not God hath  
made him a liar, because he believeth  
not the record that God gave of his  
Son. And this is the record, that God  
hath given to us eternal life; and this  
life is in his Son. He that hath the Son  
hath life; and he that hath not the Son of  
God hath not life.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

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