

Second Sunday after Easter

For the Old Testament, a reading from the fourth chapter of Baruch, beginning at the 20th verse.

This passage may be found as an insert in the bulletin.

I have taken off the garment of peace,
have put on sackcloth for my prayer
of supplication;
while I live I will cry out to the Eternal One.
“Take courage, my children; call upon God;
he will deliver you from oppression,
from enemy hands.
I have put my hope for your deliverance
in the Eternal One,
and joy has come to me from the Holy One
Because of the mercy that will swiftly
reach you
from your eternal Savior.
With mourning and lament I sent you
away,
but God will give you back to me
with gladness and joy forever.
As Zion’s neighbors lately saw you
taken captive,
so shall they soon see God’s salvation
come to you,
with great glory and the splendor of
the Eternal One.
“My children, bear patiently the wrath
that has come upon you from God;
Your enemies have persecuted you,

but you will soon see their destruction
and trample upon their necks.
My pampered children have trodden
rough roads,
carried off by their enemies like sheep
in a raid.
Take courage, my children; call out to
God!
The one who brought this upon you
will remember you.
As your hearts have been disposed to
stray from God,
so turn now ten times the more to seek
him;
For the one who has brought disaster
upon you
will, in saving you, bring you eternal
joy.”
Take courage, Jerusalem!
The one who gave you your name will
console you.
Wretched shall be those who harmed
you,
who rejoiced at your downfall;

Pause

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Psalm 23 (KJV)

THE LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: * he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: * he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: * thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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The New Testament is written in the second chapter of St. Peter's first epistle, beginning at the 19th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 172.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

THIS is thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently; this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither

was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

(Pause for a count of 5)

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