

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse.

This passage may be found in your pew Bible on page 764.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure”; but surely, this also was vanity. I said of laughter —“Madness!”; and of mirth, “What does it accomplish?” I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards. I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all *kinds* of fruit trees in them. I made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove. I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me. I also gathered for myself silver and gold

and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, *and* musical instruments of all kinds.

So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them.

I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure,

For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;

And this was my reward from all my labor.

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done

And on the labor in which I had toiled;

And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind.

There was no profit under the sun.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 65

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; * and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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A reading from the First Epistle to St. Peter, chapter 3, beginning at the 8th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 217.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

BE ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue

it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.