

The First Sunday after Easter

The New Testament is written in the fifth chapter of St. John's First Epistle beginning at the fourth 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.

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 it is the Spirit that beareth
witness, because the Spirit is truth.
For there are three that bear
witness, the Spirit, and the water,
and the blood: and these three
agree in one.

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)

This is the word of the Lord