

Christmastide (two)

The Old Testament is written in the second chapter of the prophet Zechariah, beginning at the 10th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 1,093.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!
For behold, I am coming and I will
dwell in your midst,” says the Lord.

of hosts has sent Me to you. And the
Lord will take possession of Judah as
His inheritance in the Holy Land, and
will again choose Jerusalem.

“Many nations shall be joined to the
Lord in that day, and they shall become
My people. And I will dwell in your
midst. Then you will know that the Lord

Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for
He is aroused from His holy
habitation!”

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 85

- 1 LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.
- 3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, * and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
- 4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour, * and let thine anger cease from us.
- 5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? * and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
- 6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, * that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- 7 Show us thy mercy, O Lord, * and grant us thy salvation.
- 8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say; * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.
- 9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together: * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
- 12 Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and shall direct his going in the way.

Glory be...

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The New Testament is written in the second chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to St. Titus, beginning at the second verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 98.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

THE grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the

great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.