

The Third Sunday after Easter

The Old Testament is written in the 12th chapter of the second book Samuel, beginning at the 15th verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 362.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill. David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.

So the elders of his house arose and went to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them. Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, "Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!"

When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?"

And they said, "He is dead."

So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate. Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

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This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 113

- 1 PRAISE the Lord, ye servants; * O praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord * from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The Lord's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!
- 6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
- 7 That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.
- 8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be...

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The New Testament is written in the second chapter of St. Peter's First Epistle beginning at the 11th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 173.

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DEARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto

governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.