

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Collect. pb pg 112

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Amos 3: 6-15

A reading from Amos Chapter 3 beginning at the 6th verse:

⁶ Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.⁸ The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?⁹ Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.¹⁰ For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.¹¹ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.¹² Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.¹³ Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,¹⁴ That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.¹⁵ And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139: 1-17

We will read Psalm 139 responsively by the whole verse: pb pg 514

139 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

²Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

³Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.**

⁵Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.**

⁷Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁸**If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

¹⁰**Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.**

¹¹If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

¹²**Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.**

¹³For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.**

¹⁵My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶**Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.**

¹⁷How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end, Amen**

The Epistle. Romans 12: 16-21 pb pg 112

A reading from Romans Chapter 12 beginning at the 16th verse:

BE not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Here endeth the Epistle

The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd Chapter of St. John beginning at the 1st verse: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

A ND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

The Gospel of the Lord