

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

*Reader:* A reading from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Ezekiel, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying,  
What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel,  
saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are  
set on edge?

As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use  
this proverb in Israel.

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the  
son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel;  
Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and  
committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done  
shall he die.

Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he  
hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save  
his soul alive.

Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that  
he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of  
Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his  
ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your  
transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have  
transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye  
die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God:  
wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

*Reader:* Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson.

## **PSALM 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine***

**Reader:** We will read Psalm 30 responsively by the whole verse.

**1** I will magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up, \* and not made my foes to triumph over me.

**2** *O LORD my God, I cried unto thee; \* and thou hast healed me.*

**3** Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell: \* thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.

**4** *Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; \* and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.*

**5** For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; \* heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

**6** *And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: \* thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.*

**7** Thou didst turn thy face from me, \* and I was troubled.

**8** *Then cried I unto thee, O LORD; \* and gat me to my LORD right humbly.*

**9** What profit is there in my blood, \* when I go down into the pit?

**10** *Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? \* or shall it declare thy truth?*

**11** Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \* LORD, be thou my helper.

**12** *Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; \* thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:*

**13** Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. \* O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

## **THE EPISTLE: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Reader:* A reading of the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Philippians, beginning at the 17<sup>th</sup> verse.

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

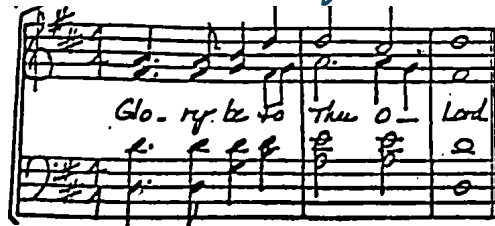
Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

*Reader:* Here endeth the Epistle.

## THE GOSPEL: St. Matthew 15:21-28

*Priest* The Holy Gospel is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

### GLORIA TIBI *Glory be to thee, O Lord*



JESUS went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.