

**Addresses
for
Morning and Evening Prayer**

**according to the
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of the
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**Intended for use
by Layreaders
in the absence of a priest**

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Trinity 14

Trinity 14 (There are three choices of propers for each office this week). Two distinct sermons are provided for Morning Prayer A, one to stress each lesson. More are to be written for the other readings.

Morning Prayer A

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

*Here beginneth the sixth chapter
of the Prophet Micah.*

1 Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Phil 4:4-13

*Here beginneth the fourth verse
of the fourth chapter
of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Phillipians.*

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that

Homily 1 (on the OT Lesson)

"O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee?

Testify against me."

Nearly half a year ago, in parishes where the traditional Good Friday rites are used in full, these words from the Prophet Malachi were heard in church, perhaps solemnly sung to one of several glorious settings.

Whoever compiled the ancient liturgy heard the Prophet's call:

"Hear ye now what the LORD saith;

Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth:

for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel."

The writer heard, listened carefully, and remembered the Cross.

He took these words as coming from the Cross to a fallen and much beloved humanity, and expanded them to remind us of the mercies God has shown to us, and of our own wretched response to them:

Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna,

*and brought thee into a land exceeding good:
thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.*

*What more could I have done unto thee
that I have not done?*

*I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard,
with exceeding fair fruit:*

*and thou art become very bitter unto me:
for vinegar, mixed with gall,
thou gavest me when thirsty:*

and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

*I led thee forth out of Egypt,
drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea:
and thou hast delivered me up unto the chief priests.*

*I did open the sea before thee:
and thou hast opened my side with a spear.*

*I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud:
and thou hast led me
into the judgement-hall of Pilate.*

*I did feed thee with manna in the desert:
and thou hast stricken me
with blows and scourges.*

*I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock:
and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar.*

*I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake:
and thou hast smitten my head with a reed.*

*I did give thee a royal sceptre:
and thou hast given unto my head
a crown of thorns.*

shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Acts 17:16-34

*Here beginneth the sixteenth verse of the
seventeenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.*

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there

*I did raise thee on high with great power:
and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.*

*O my people, what have I done unto thee,
or wherein have I wearied thee?
Testify against me."*

It is fitting, when we look upon the Cross,
that we remember why He hung there,
why He suffered there,
why He died there.

and why he eternally presents that Sacrifice
before His Father's heavenly throne,
and why it is that we need, week after week,
to eat and drink of that same Sacrifice.

We are sinners.

We continually offend the holiness of God,
We constantly refuse the goodness He has offered us,
and yet,

*"God so loved the world that He gave ...
... gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish ...
...not perish,
but have everlasting life,"*

Yes, the Cross is reproach.

Every remembrance of it should remind us
of our sins and our disobedience,
of the essential wickedness that we seem
unable to leave behind,

of the lifelong struggle we face
as we so failingly try to follow Him.

But that same Cross is our hope and our glory.

He reproaches us, but not in anger,
rather with a warm and loving invitation,
*"Come unto me,
all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."*

It is right that we remember our sins,
that we lament the evils
that we ourselves have brought into the world,
and that the remembrance of them should spur us
toward a better service to our Lord and King,
but in that same Cross we have remembrance.
What we have brought to Him for forgiveness
is forgiven,
has been carried as far from us
as the East is from the West.
Though He continues to reproach us,
and to call us to holiness,
yet He speaks of love and forgiveness,
of acceptance and everlasting life.
In that Cross (and only in that Cross)
we can do as St. Paul directs:

*"Rejoice in the Lord always:
and again I say, Rejoice. ...
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus."*

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there
met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar
off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus,
Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go
shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to
pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified
God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving
him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten
cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory
to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy
faith hath made thee whole.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Evening Prayer C

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15

*Here beginneth the fourth verse
of the third chapter of the First Book of Kings.*

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there;
for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt
offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

*Here beginneth the eleventh verse
of the seventeenth chapter
of the Gospel according to St. Luke.*

11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who from the bosom of the Father in heaven didst come down to earth, and shed thy precious Blood for the remission of all our sins: we humbly beseech thee; that in the day of judgement we may be found worthy to stand at thy right hand and hear thy voice: Come, ye blessed ones. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Homily 2 (on the NT Lesson)

*"... whatsoever things are true,
 whatsoever things are honest,
 whatsoever things are just,
 whatsoever things are pure,
 whatsoever things are lovely,
 whatsoever things are of good report;
 if there be any virtue,
 and if there be any praise,
 think on these things."*

St. Paul lived in a world where,
 much as in our world,
 There was a great deal that was wrong.
 There was open and obvious immorality.
 Why, even the gods were depicted
 as engaging in those things
 of which we probably shouldn't even speak.
 There was a culture of cruelty.
 The most popular entertainment
 was the violent death of men in the arena.
 It was a culture of extreme inequality.
 The rich were very, very rich,
 and lived a life of wasteful luxury,
 while the poor had nothing but misery.
 It was a culture of oppression.
 The civilized world
 was under the forced control
 of a powerful centralized Empire,
 and it did not matter what the citizens thought.
 Judea certainly wanted to be free,
 as did other subject nations.
 Execution was public and brutal,

wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Evening Prayer B

First Lesson: Deut 8:1-14, 17-20

Here beginneth the eighth chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy.

1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the

and the countryside was littered with crosses bearing "enemies of the state".

Unwanted babies were merely left on the roadside to die, and it was illegal to rescue them.

There was a lot to complain about.

There was a lot that a Christian could not accept, a lot that a Christian would earnestly desire to change. St. Paul certainly does recognize some of these things. He leaves no doubt at all of proper Christian standards. There is no support or even toleration for these evils - anywhere in his writings.

St. Paul stands in total opposition to evil, to all evil, including the evil enthroned in the hearts of Christians.

However, even though we often hear it said, even though it has often been acted upon, it is not true that the main purpose of Christianity is to oppose evil.

Yes, the wrath of God has been revealed. His hot displeasure has been known and felt, but, friends, remember his ultimate answer. Remember the Cross.

Remember the love for disgusting sinners that led the Savior there to die, so that they could be lifted out of the evil.. Remember His invitation.

Remember His great commission. The main purpose of Christianity is not that it should oppose evil,

but that it should seek the good.
 Its mission is to present evil mankind
 with God's desire that they become good,
 that they return
 to the image in which he made them.

St. Paul knew very well indeed
 how much real evil resides in this world,
 but he knew also that we become the very thing
 on which our attention is fixed.

If our concentration is upon what is wrong,
 our minds become darkened with that evil,
 our hearts become filled with anger and worry,
 and our actions tend toward force and punishment.
 We separate our own selves from God's love,
 and we build walls to prevent others
 from coming to see and know that love.

Thus it is that St. Paul instructs us
 (to repeat our text:)

*"... whatsoever things are true,
 whatsoever things are honest,
 whatsoever things are just,
 whatsoever things are pure,
 whatsoever things are lovely,
 whatsoever things are of good report;
 if there be any virtue,
 and if there be any praise,
 think on these things."*

Where there is evil, think on the good.
 Pray and work that the good come to pass.
 Where there is evil, think on the Lord,
 for He is good, the only good,

10 And come and stand before me in this house,
 which is called by my name, and say, We are
 delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, be-
 come a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even
 I have seen it, saith the LORD.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Luke13:18-30

*Here beginneth the eighteenth verse of the thir-
 teenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.*

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God
 like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man
 took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and
 waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged
 in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the
 kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in
 three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and villages,
 teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few
 that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I
 say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be
 able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up,
 and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand
 without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord,

Homily to be written

Evening Prayer A

First Lesson: Jer 7:1-11

*Here beginneth the seventh chapter
of the Prophet Jeremiah.*

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

5 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye throughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

and in him is no evil at all.

Pray for your enemies, that they be friends.

Pray for sinners, that they find purity.

In the midst of ugliness, pray for beauty.

Seek God.

Draw near to the cross

whereon your sins have been nailed.

Find holiness for your own lives,

and let the beauty of holiness be seen.

Instead of your anger at what is wrong,

strive to lead sinners to the throne of God,

and there peace and beauty are to be found.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Morning Prayer B

First Lesson: 1 Chron 29:10-17

Here beginneth the tenth verse of the twenty-ninth chapter of the First Book of Chronicles.

10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered

11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

19 But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Second Lesson: Heb 13:1-21

Here beginneth the thirteenth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

- 1 Let brotherly love continue.
- 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
- 3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.
- 4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.
- 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.
- 7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.
- 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
- 9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.
- 10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Luke 17:5-10

Here beginneth the fifth verse of the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

- 5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
- 6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
- 7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
- 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
- 9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
- 10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Morning Prayer C

First Lesson: Gen 45:1-15, 25-28

*Here beginneth the forty-fifth chapter
of the Book of Genesis.*

1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

Here endeth the First Lesson.