

**Addresses  
for  
Morning and Evening Prayer**

**according to the  
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of the  
USA 1928 Book of Common Prayer**

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

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**Trinity 20**

Trinity 20 (There are three choices of propers for each office this week) A Homily is provided for Morning Prayer A, and another for Evening Prayer A . Others are to be written.

In 2011 use the readings for Third Sunday before Advent with today's collect.

### **Morning Prayer A**

#### **First Lesson: Mal 2:14-17**

*Here beginneth the fourteenth verse of the second chapter of the Prophet Malachi.*

14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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**Second Lesson: Matt 19:3-9a, 13-15**

*Here beginneth the third verse of the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St, Matthew.*

3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: ...

**13** Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily**

**Please note that this message may hit some parishioners very strongly.**

**This is indeed where these lessons point us, and these passages can't be preached without going into these issues.**

**Check with your priest to make sure that he thinks the timing appropriate.**

**If not, select one of the other sets of lessons.**

*“The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?”*

Two thousand years have gone by.  
 But have you ever heard a more up-to-date question?  
 Divorce certainly has always been with us,  
 but some of us  
 remember a time when it was uncommon,  
 a time when only something drastic could cause it.  
 It used to be that we were surprised,  
 and maybe a little shocked,  
 to hear that someone we knew had been divorced.  
 But now?  
 Hasn't it become usual to be surprised  
 when we encounter a couple that has been married  
 for a good long time?  
 We hear reports from teachers  
 whose classes include no children of intact families.  
 The Pharisees had a good question,  
 one that Christians need to deal with today.  
 In their day, it was a major problem.  
 In Roman and Greek society divorce was easy  
 and extremely common.

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily to be written**  
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13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

Hebrew society was divided on the issue.

Among the Pharisees themselves there were two schools of thought.

There was a very strict party that strongly disapproved of divorce and restricted it to extreme cases.

but there was also

a so-called 'compassionate' party, that, like modern Western cultures, didn't want to 'bind' people to marriages they didn't want.

This group of Pharisees had probably just been arguing over this passage for the Book of Deuteronomy:

*'When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. (Deut 24:1-2)*

Their question would have been as to what kind of 'uncleanness' justifies divorce.

Could it be granted for any and all reasons?

Jesus began with a quotation from Genesis.

"When they married, God made them one flesh," he pointed out, and went on,

"If God joined them, can man put them apart?"

Moses, He said,  
 had given very limited permission,  
 and had restricted it by requiring a legal document,  
 but he had only done so,  
*"because of the hardness of your hearts ,"*  
 and that did not make it right.  
 On His own authority,  
 as the true Author of the Book,  
 he made a pronouncement that Christians must heed:

*"And I say unto you,  
 Whosoever shall put away his wife,  
 except it be for fornication,  
 and shall marry another, committeth adultery: "*

In doing so, He was speaking in full concord  
 with the Prophet Malachi,  
 who said in today's reading:

*"... the LORD hath been witness  
 between thee and the wife of thy youth,  
 against whom thou hast dealt treacherously:  
 yet is she thy companion,  
 and the wife of thy covenant.  
 And did not he make one? ...  
 Therefore take heed to your spirit,  
 and let none deal treacherously  
 against the wife of his youth.  
 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith  
 that he hateth putting away: "*

Now these are hard words.  
 Lawmakers in our society have valued choice  
 and individual freedom  
 above the sacred bonds of matrimony,

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my  
 father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen  
 thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took  
 hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two  
 pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell  
 from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of  
 Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from  
 him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the  
 LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten  
 the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha  
 went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were  
 to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of  
 Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet  
 him, and bowed themselves to the ground before  
 him.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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**Second Lesson: Acts 24:10-27**

*Here beginneth the tenth verse of the twenty-fourth  
 chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.*

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned  
 unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know  
 that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this  
 nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:  
 11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there  
 are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem  
 for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing  
 with any man, neither raising up the people, neither  
 in the synagogues, nor in the city:

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

and divorce laws have been made easier and easier, until the standard now is a 'no-fault' divorce. Such a thing is perhaps acceptable by men's laws, but it is against the law of God.

The vow taken is, "...till death do us part," not "Until we don't want to do this anymore."

Sometimes it isn't easy to go on, but our Christian faith affirms that God is able to supply the strength we need.

Please remember, that this message is being delivered by a layman to lay people. There is no attempt to answer every question or to solve every problem.

We need to approach the Scriptures honestly, to seek God's guidance to apply them to our own circumstances, and then to bring our questions and our concerns to our priest and our bishop, to those godly men in whose care God has placed us. And we need to follow God, whether we like His direction or not.

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Morning Prayer B

### **First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 9:4-10**

*Here beginneth the fourth verse of the ninth chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes.*

4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily to be written**  
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## Evening Prayer C

### **First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-15**

*Here beginneth the second chapter of the Second Book of Kings.*

1 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

**Second Lesson: Matt 22:1-14**

*Here beginneth the twenty-second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

- 1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,
- 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
- 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
- 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.
- 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
- 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.
- 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
- 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
- 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
- 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.
- 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

**Second Lesson: Eph 6:1-9**

*Here beginneth the sixth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians*

- 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
- 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
- 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
- 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- 5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
- 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
- 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
- 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.
- 9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily to be written**  
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## Morning Prayer C

### **First Lesson: Exod 32:1-6, 15-20, 30-34**

*Here beginneth the thirty-second chapter of the Book of Exodus.*

1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

**15** And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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Loving Father,  
 we bow before the Cross of thine only Son.  
 We bow in deepest awe and deepest thanksgiving  
 before the glory of His love revealed thereupon.  
 Forgive us our lack of love toward others,  
 and pour upon us thy Holy Spirit,  
 that we may show forth  
 that infinite glory toward them,  
 as it hath been manifest toward us.  
 Through the same,  
 our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### **Evening Prayer B**

#### **First Lesson: Jer 2:1-9, 13**

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

1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me,  
 saying,  
 2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus  
 saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of  
 thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou  
 wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that  
 was not sown.  
 3 Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the  
 firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall  
 offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the  
 LORD.

sides; on the one side and on the other were they  
 written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the  
 writing was the writing of God, graven upon the  
 tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people  
 as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a  
 noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that  
 shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them  
 that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them  
 that sing do I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh  
 unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing:  
 and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables  
 out of his hands, and brake them beneath the  
 mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and  
 burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and  
 strawed it upon the water, and made the children  
 of Israel drink of it.

**30** And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses  
 said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin:  
 and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure  
 I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said,  
 Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have  
 made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if  
 not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which  
 thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever  
 hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my  
 book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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**Second Lesson: 1 Cor 10:14-22**

*Here beginneth the fourteenth verse of the tenth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.*

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

No, it's pointing mere hours ahead of the speaking, to a Cross, to suffering, to love that costs.

How should we love each other?

How should we love

the most unpleasant people in our lives?

How should we love our enemies?

Look at the Cross!

Look at the Cross!

Look at the Cross!

Anything less than that

is failure to observe His own commandment.

This is the New Covenant of which Jeremiah wrote.

This is the Law written on our hearts.

It is on this that we shall be judged.

It is the ignoring of this that we must repent,

that He will forgive if we seek forgiveness,

but that He will forgive in the same way

that He forgave the woman to whom He said,

"Go, and sin no more".

Is our love, then, as great as His?

Of course not!

Is the human spirit capable of attaining that?

Not in this fallen world.

Is it required of us anyway?

It's His solemn commandment.

"There is no health in us" we have prayed, God grant us healing.

Let us pray.

not just yet they couldn't,  
 though all but one of them  
 would be killed for their faith,  
 and all of them would join Him  
 at the Father's throne,  
 It was not yet time.  
 He would go and they would remain.

And His glory was being revealed,  
 and yet not in a way that men sought.  
 They would see the evidence of His glory,  
 and they would cringe and nearly despair.  
 For it was to be as St. Paul said:

*"In the cross of Christ I glory"*

What greater glory than the manifestation  
 of an infinite love in suffering  
 on behalf of those who don't deserve it?

Look at the cross and know the glory of God,  
 the sin-conquering total embracing  
 of a rebellious, yet much desired creation.

*"So God loved the world  
 that he gave his only-begotten Son ... "*

Now hear the parting command He gave his men:

"A new commandment I give unto you,  
 That ye love one another;  
**as I have loved you,"**

That's not pointing at a smiling Jesus,  
 saying, "Come unto me"  
 (though He certainly is that).

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**Homily to be written**  
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**Evening Prayer A**

**First Lesson: Jer 31:31-37**

*Here beginneth the thirty-first verse of the thirty-first chapter of the Prophet Jeremiah.*

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and

of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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**Second Lesson: John 13:31-35**

*Here beginneth the thirty-first verse of the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.*

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily**

Everything was ready.

Three years of public ministry were coming to an end.

The Twelve were chosen and gathered together.

They were seated at Table for the Seder meal, the feast of the celebration of redemption.

Jesus had fed them with what he declared to be His own Body and His own Blood,

He had humbly bowed before them,

washing each one's feet like a servant,

even the feet of the one about to betray Him,

and He had sent Judas forth

to do his horrible, yet necessary deed.

Everything was ready, and He said,

*"Now is the Son of man glorified,  
and God is glorified in him. "*

HUH?

There didn't seem to be any glory in view.

The disciples did not know what was about to happen.

Even though they'd been told many times, they didn't know,

but He did.

He was about to be betrayed,

and to be put to death in the most painful, and most shameful,

way that it could be done.

*"You'll seek me," He said,*

*"but where I'm going, you can't come,"*