

rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Addresses for Morning and Evening Prayer

according to the
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Trinity 23

Trinity 23 (There are three choices of propers for each office this week) Homilies are provided for Morning Prayer A, and for Evening Prayer A. Others are to be written.

In 2009 use the lessons for the Second Sunday before Advent with today's collect

In 2010 and 2012, use the lessons for the Third Sunday before Advent with today's collect.

Morning Prayer A

First Lesson: Jer 29:1, 4-14

Here beginneth the twenty-ninth chapter of the Prophet Jeremiah.

1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

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21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Titus 3:1-8

Here beginneth the third chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus.

1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive.

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Acts 27:1-20, 17-32, 39-44

Here beginneth the twenty-seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

Homily

Remember the old folk hymn
 that was made popular years ago by Burl Ives?
*"I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
 Just passing through this world below ..."*

Well, that's the background to today's readings. Jeremiah is writing to a captive people. They've been taken away from their true home and forced to live in exile in a strange land.

St. Paul has similar thoughts as he writes to the Church.

He had often said things about our being strangers and pilgrims, with our citizenship in heaven.

Both readings start from the same assumption: that we are not really where we belong, but that we are where God has put us for now.

Against that background, Jeremiah and Paul give us strikingly similar advice as to how we are to behave in this strange land.

*"Build ye houses," says Jeremiah,
 "and dwell in them;
 and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;
 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters;
 and take wives for your sons,
 and give your daughters to husbands,
 that they may bear sons and daughters;
 that ye may be increased there,
 and not diminished.*

You're going to be here for quite a while.
Settle in, and, even though this isn't permanent,
be the best citizens you can be,
and, in doing so,
be an influence toward God's ways

*And seek the peace of the city
whither I have caused you
to be carried away captives,
and pray unto the LORD for it:
for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.*

We are strangers, but we are not rebels.
We seek to build, not to destroy.
We seek peace, not endless strife.

St. Paul tells us to
*"... be subject to principalities and powers,
to obey magistrates,
to be ready to every good work,"*

It is hard to remember in a world that proclaims
government of the people,
by the people, and for the people,
that it is not the job of a Christian people
to rule, but rather to serve,
and it is not rights we seek,
but God's will in our own lives,
and the spreading of God's Word and His love
by the way we live our lives.

St. Paul continues, challenging us:
*"To speak evil of no man,
to be no brawlers, but gentle,
shewing all meekness unto all men."*

and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said,
Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought
unto him a penny.

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image
and superscription?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto
them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things
which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that
are God's.

22 When they had heard these words, they mar-
velled, and left him, and went their way.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Evening Prayer C

First Lesson: 2 Kings 23:1-4, 11-14, 21-23

*Here beginneth the twenty-third chapter
of the Second Book of Kings.*

1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him
all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the
LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the in-
habitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests,
and the prophets, and all the people, both small
and great: and he read in their ears all the words of
the book of the covenant which was found in the
house of the LORD.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a cove-
nant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD,

Does this sound like the way politics is being done
in our land in the name of Christ?

Or is it so that we have opposing camps,
each claiming to be advancing Christian principles,
and yet hurling invective, calling names,
making accusations, shouting in anger?

Isn't that a good description of current politics?

As a matter of fact,
it sounds like church politics too.

We Anglicans

seem not able to stop shouting at each other.

Where is the gentleness and meekness
that the Apostle is calling for?

Certainly there is right and there is wrong,
but there is a right way and a wrong way
to promote truth.

If the spreading of truth is done in such a way
that we are biting and devouring one another,
have we perhaps used truth to promote a lie?

*"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish,
disobedient, deceived,*

-serving divers lusts and pleasures,

living in malice and envy,

hateful, and hating one another.

But after that the kindness and love

of God our Saviour toward man appeared, "

Our Lord has offered us forgiveness,
and calls upon us to forgive.

He offers us mercy,
and requires us to show mercy.

He is patient and longsuffering with us,
for which we should be very thankful indeed,
and expects us to be patient.

We believe truth,
but we need also to live the truth.
As St. Paul; said,

*"This is a faithful saying,
and these things I will that thou affirm constantly,
that they which have believed in God
might be careful to maintain good works.
These things are good and profitable unto men."*

And, if we will hear Him,
and do all that we are able to follow Him,
and tearfully repent when we fail Him,
then we can claim the words of Jeremiah:

*"Then shall ye call upon me,
and ye shall go and pray unto me,
and I will hearken unto you.
And ye shall seek me, and find me,
when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:
and I will turn away your captivity,
and I will gather you from all the nations,
and from all the places whither I have driven you,
saith the LORD;
and I will bring you again into the place
whence I caused you to be carried away captive."*

5: Horribly and speedily shall he come upon you:
for a sharp judgment shall be to them that be in
high places.

6: For mercy will soon pardon the meanest: but
mighty men shall be mightily tormented.

7: For he which is Lord over all shall fear no man's
person, neither shall he stand in awe of any man's
greatness: for he hath made the small and great,
and careth for all alike.

8: But a sore trial shall come upon the mighty.

9: Unto you therefore, O kings, do I speak, that ye
may learn wisdom, and not fall away.

10: For they that keep holiness holily shall be
judged holy: and they that have learned such
things shall find what to answer.

11: Wherefore set your affection upon my words;
desire them, and ye shall be instructed.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Matt 22:15-22

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

15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how
they might entangle him in his talk.

16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with
the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou
art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, nei-
ther carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not
the person of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it law-
ful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

and begging to be changed.
 We need to be
 not dead and devout,
 but a living sacrifice.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all hoily Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hoipe of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer B

First Lesson: Wisdom 6:1-11

*Here beginneth the sixth chapter
 of the Book of Wisdom.*

- 1: Hear therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth.
- 2: Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations.
- 3: For power is given you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Highest, who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.
- 4: Because, being ministers of his kingdom, ye have not judged aright, nor kept the law, nor walked after the counsel of God;

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who alone gavest us the breath of life, and alone canst keep alive in us the holy desires thou dost impart; We beseech thee, for thy compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavours; that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without thy blessing. And grant that, having thre eyes of the mind opened to behold things invisihble and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by thy wisdom, and in work be upheld by thy strength, and in the end be accepted of thee as thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Morning Prayer B

First Lesson: Isa 64

Here beginneth the sixty-fourth chapter of the Prophet Isaiah.

1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

*and to angels, and to men.
We are fools for Christ's sake,
but ye are wise in Christ;
we are weak, but ye are strong;
ye are honourable, but we are despised.*

He is writing to a church,
a gathering of the devout,
that has missed the point on so many things
that it beggars the imagination.
They've heard the Word of God
over and over again,
and yet they live like the world around them.
They fell into all manner of sins of the flesh.
Worse than that, they bickered among themselves
and insisted on having things their own way.
Read the whole of First Corinthians.
There was fervor there,
but it was, in many ways, a toxic place.

It's a timely message.
Churches often get like that.
Devout people often fail to hear God.
The lives of the devout
are often stubbornly unchanging.
Is that me?
Perhaps it is.
We need to examine ourselves.
We need to hear the Word of God,
not only with our ears, but with our spirits.
We need to subject our lives
to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.
We need to approach the holy Altar
in humility, in fear and trembling,
knowing our unworthiness,

We've all heard lots of sermons.
 Sometimes we've even congratulated the preacher
 on what a fine sermon he preached.
 When was the last time a sermon led
 to genuine changes in your life?
 We Anglicans pride ourselves
 on the beauty of our worship,
 the music, the words, the ceremonies.
 We hear the words at the Eucharist:
*"... we offer unto thee ourselves,
 our souls and bodies,
 to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice ..."*
 but when was the last time
 we came away from the altar changed?

Ezekiel continues:

*"... And, lo, thou art unto them
 as a very lovely song
 of one that hath a pleasant voice,
 and can play well on an instrument:
 for they hear thy words, but they do them not.*

St. Paul made a similar observation
 and presented it even less pleasantly,
 more than a little bit sarcastically:

*"Now ye are full, now ye are rich,
 ye have reigned as kings without us:
 and I would to God ye did reign,
 that we also might reign with you.
 For I think
 that God hath set forth us the apostles last,
 as it were appointed to death:
 for we are made a spectacle unto the world,*

8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are
 the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the
 work of thy hand.

9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither re-
 member iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech
 thee, we are all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wil-
 derness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our
 fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all
 our pleasant things are laid waste.

12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O
 LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us
 very sore?

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: Matt 23:1-12

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

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his dis-
 ciples,

2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in
 Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe,
 that observe and do; but do not ye after their
 works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be
 borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they
 themselves will not move them with one of their
 fingers.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men:
they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the
borders of their garments,
6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the
chief seats in the synagogues,
7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of
men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Mas-
ter, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for
one is your Father, which is in heaven.
10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your
Master, even Christ.
11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your
servant.
12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be
abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be
exalted.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Morning Prayer C

First Lesson: Deut 34

*Here beginneth the thirty-fourth chapter of the
Book of Deuteronomy.*

1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab
unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah,
that is over against Jericho. And the LORD
shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,
2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Ma-
nasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

Homily

We have heard strong words today.
Both Ezekiel and St. Paul
have words for the devout.
We're all here, gathered to worship,
when we could easily be doing something else.
This is no small thing.
We're only too aware that we are in a minority
in this world,
so aware that we spend a great deal of breath
in criticizing a world that seems to reject God.
We are correct in that.
This is not a Christian world.
There is a lot to point our fingers at,
a lot to complain bitterly about.
There's a lot to complain about
even within the Church,
and, we are good at doing so, aren't we?
But what we heard from Ezekiel,
in a short, but not sweet, reading
is addressed directly to us here gathered,
and it's not pleasant at all.

*"... the children of thy people
... speak one to another, every one to his brother,
saying, Come, I pray you, and hear
what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.
And they come unto thee as the people cometh,
and they sit before thee as my people,
and they hear thy words,
but they will not do them ..."*

9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: 2 Tim 4:1-8

Here beginneth the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy.

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Homily to be written

Evening Prayer A**First Lesson: Ezek 33:30-33**

Here beginneth the thirtieth verse of the thirty-third chapter of the Prophet Ezekiel.

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 4:8-16

Here beginneth the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.