

OLD TEST. # 1

JOB 19: 1, 23-27

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Step to the main level of the sanctuary (altar area) and BOW
in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle;
Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the Book of Job

(Pause 3 seconds)

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that He will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him;

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

(Pause 3 seconds)

The Word of the Lord.

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OLD TEST. # 6

DANIEL 12: 1-3

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Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

(Pause 3 seconds)

I, Daniel, mourned
and heard this word of the Lord:
“At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep
in the dust of the earth shall awake;
Some shall live forever,
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.
But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
And those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

(Pause 3 seconds)

The Word of the Lord.

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OLD TEST. # 7

MAC 12:43-46

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Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the second Book of Maccabees

(Pause 3 seconds)

Judas, the ruler of Israel,
then took up a collection among all his soldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory
sacrifice.
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in
death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead
that they might be freed from this sin.

(Pause 3 seconds)

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OLD TEST. # 2

WISDOM 3:1- 9

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Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

(Pause 3 seconds)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and
their passing away was thought an affliction and their
going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because
God tried them, and found them worthy of Himself.

As gold in the furnace, He proved them, and as sacrificial
offerings He took them to Himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble.

They shall judge nations and rule over people,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in Him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with Him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with His holy ones, and His
care is with His elect.

(Pause 3 seconds)

The Word of the Lord.

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OLD TEST. # 3

WISDOM 4: 7-15

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Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

(Pause 3 seconds)

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of
time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners were transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit
beguile his soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and
the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the
fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

(Pause 3 seconds)

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OLD TEST. # 4

ISAIAH 25: 6A, 7-9

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Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

(Pause 3 seconds)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for
all peoples.

On this mountain He will destroy the veil that veils
all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;

He will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces;

The reproach of His people He will remove from the
whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the Lord for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!”

(Pause 3 seconds)

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OLD TEST. # 5

LAM 3: 17-26

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A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

(Pause 3 seconds)

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what
happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped
for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast
within me.

But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are
not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is His
faithfulness.

My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope
in Him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the
soul that seeks Him; It is good to hope in silence for the
saving help of the Lord.

(Pause 3 seconds)

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OLD TEST. # 8

ECLSTS 3: 1-15

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in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle;

Turn to YOUR RIGHT and read from the main pulpit:

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

(Pause 3 seconds)

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for everything under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from the beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognize that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. For every man, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

(Pause 3 seconds)

The Word of the Lord.

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