The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 59:15b-21

He that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 76:1-12 ***BCP 432***

V. In Judæa is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

R. At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

V. There brake he the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.

R. Thou art glorious in might, * when thou comest from the hills of the robbers.

V. The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep; * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

R. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.

V. Thou, even thou art to be feared; * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

R. Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled, and was still,

V. When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

R. The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise; * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

V. Promise unto the LORD your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

R. He shall refrain the spirit of princes, * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

Ephesians 6:10-20 ***BCP 219***

My brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

St. John 4:46-54 ***BCP 219***

There was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee.