A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 1 verses 1 through 3:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 33

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

People: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Leader: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.