

**Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.**

*(allow them time to stand)*

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

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Leader: You may be seated.**

Please join me in praying Psalm 65.

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.

**People: O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.**

Leader: When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.

**People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!**

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!

**People: By awesome deeds you answer us  
with righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,**

Leader: the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas;

**People: the one who by his strength established the mountains,  
being girded with might;**

Leader: who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,

**People: so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
are in awe at your signs.**

Leader: You make the going out of the morning and the evening  
to shout for joy.

**People: You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;**

Leader: the river of God is full of water;  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

**People: You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

Leader: You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

**People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

Leader: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,

**People: they shout and sing together for joy.**

**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.**