

**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.***

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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

**Leader: You may be seated.**

Please join me in praying Psalm 86.

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

**People: Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.**

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.

**People: For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

Leader: O God, insolent men have risen up against me;  
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.

**People: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding  
in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.

**People: Show me a sign of your favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame  
because you, LORD, have helped me  
and comforted me.**

**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.**