

**A reading from Job 38 verses 1 through 11. You can find the reading on page 443 in your pew Bible.**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words  
without knowledge?

Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**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.***

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
    as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.

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For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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

**Leader: You may be seated.**

Please join me in praying Psalm 145.

Left: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

Right: Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

Left: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

Right: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

Left: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Right: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.

Left: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Right: The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Left: The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Right: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

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Left: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,

Right: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout  
all generations.**

**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.**