

**A reading from 1 Peter chapter 5 verses 6 through 11. You can find the reading on page 1017 in your pew Bible.**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 31.

Leader: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

**People: Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!**

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

**People: For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;**

Leader: you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

**People: Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Leader I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the LORD.

**People: I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;**

Leader: you have known the distress of my soul,

**People: and you have not delivered me into the hand  
of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

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

*(allow them time to stand)*

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

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

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping.

And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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

**Leader: You may be seated.**