

A reading from Isaiah chapter 12 verses 1 through 6. You can find the reading on page 576 in your pew Bible.

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**The Word of the Lord.
*Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 16.

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

**People: The sorrows of those who run after another god
shall multiply;**

Leader: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

**People: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.**

Leader: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**People: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

Leader: I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**People: Therefore my heart is glad,
and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.**

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Leader: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

**People: You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *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.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.