

A reading from Romans chapter 15 verses 1 through 7. You can find this reading on page 949 of your pew Bible.

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Join me as we pray and sing Psalm 9. I will read a portion of the Psalm, and then you will be led in this repeated sung response.

Vocalist: O Lord, send your steadfast love to me.

Your salvation as you promised

Then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me

For I trust in your word

Leader: I trust in your word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.

I will keep your law continually,

forever and ever,

and I shall walk in a wide place,

for I have sought your precepts.

All: Sung Response

I will also speak of your testimonies before kings

and shall not be put to shame,

for I find my delight in your commandments,

which I love.

I will lift up my hands toward your commandments,

which I love,

and I will meditate on your statutes.

All: Sung Response

Remember your word to your servant,

in which you have made me hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction,

that your promise gives me life.

The insolent utterly deride me,

but I do not turn away from your law.

When I think of your rules from of old,
I take comfort, O LORD.

All: Sung Response

Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked,
who forsake your law.

Your statutes have been my songs
in the house of my sojourning.

I remember your name in the night, O LORD,
and keep your law.

This blessing has fallen to me,
that I have kept your precepts.

All: Sung Response

**(SUNG) Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was at first, is now, and shall be
World without end. 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 Luke.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.