

A reading from Hebrews 1.1-4. You can find this reading on page 1,001 of your pew Bible.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 93.

Leader: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

**People: The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.**

Leader: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

**People: Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, 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 forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.