

**A reading from Hebrews chapter 1 verses 1 through 4 and chapter 2 verses 5 through 9. You can find this reading on page 1001 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.

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?  
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

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

**Please join me in praying Psalm 89.**

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness  
to all generations.

**People: For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

Leader: You have said, “I have made a covenant  
with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:

**People: ‘I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’”**

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**People: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,**

Leader: a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?

**People: O Lord God of hosts,  
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,  
with your faithfulness all around you?**

**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.***

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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