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**A reading from Hebrews chapter 4 verses 14 through 16. You can find this reading on page 1003 of your pew Bible.**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 47.**

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Lead Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

**People: God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**People: For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**

**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.**

**A reading from Acts chapter 1 verses 6 through 11. You can find this reading on page 909 of your pew Bible.**

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***