

A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 10 verses 14 through 17, 31 and chapter 11 verse 1. You can find this reading on page 957 of your pew Bible.

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 130.

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!

**People: Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**People: And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

**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 Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.