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**A reading from Colossians chapter 3 verses 23 and 24. You can find this reading on page 985 of your pew Bible.**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 147.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.**

Leader: He makes peace in your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

**People: He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**

Leader: He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.

**People: He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;  
who can stand before his cold?**

**All: He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.**

**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 Matthew.**

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

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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