

A reading from Revelation chapter 22 verses 1 through 5. You can find this reading on page 1041 of your pew Bible.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 44.1-8.

Leader: O God, we have heard with our ears,
our fathers have told us,

**People: what deeds you performed in their days,
in the days of old:**

Leader: you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;

**People: you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;**

Leader: for not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,

**People: but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.**

Leader: You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jacob!

**People: Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those
who rise up against us.**

Leader: For not in my bow do I trust,
nor can my sword save me.

**People: But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.**

**All: In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.**

**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.

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.