

A reading from Habakkuk chapter 3 verses 16 through 19. You can find this reading on page 787 of your pew Bible.

I hear, and my body trembles;
my lips quiver at the sound;
rottenness enters into my bones;
my legs tremble beneath me.
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble
to come upon people who invade us.
Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 104.

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to cultivate,

**People: that he may bring forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden the heart of man,**

Leader: oil to make his face shine
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

**People: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

Leader: In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has her home in the fir trees.

**People: The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,

**People: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**People: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

**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 they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.