

**A reading from Revelation chapter 7 verses 9 through 12. You can find this reading on page 1032 of your pew Bible.**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 149.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Leader: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**People: Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.

**People: Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.**

Leader: Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,

**People: to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,**

Leader: to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

**People: to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.**

**All: Praise 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 Luke.**

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

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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