

A reading from Jude verses 17 through 25. You can find this reading on page 1027 of your pew Bible.

But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 16.

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

**People: The sorrows of those who run after
another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**People: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

Leader: You make known to me the path of life;

**People: in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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 one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.