

**A reading from Ephesians chapter 3 verses 14 through 19a.  
You can find this reading on page 977 of your pew Bible.**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

**The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 85.**

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

**People: for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**

Leader: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

**People: that glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

**People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

**People: and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Leader: Yes, the Lord will give what is good,

**People: and our land will yield its increase.**

Leader: Righteousness will go before him

**People: and make his footsteps a way.**

**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 there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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