

**A reading from Isaiah chapter 43 verses 18 through 21. You can find this reading on page 604 of your pew Bible.**

“Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Please join me in praying Psalm 22.**

Leader: But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

**People: Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

Leader: Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**People: I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

**People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

Leader: For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,

**People: and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

**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.**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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