

A reading from the book of Romans chapter 8:

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 138

**Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;**

People: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness,

**Leader: for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

People: On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

**Leader: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks,
O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

People: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**Leader: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;

**Leader: you stretch out your hand against the wrath
of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.**

People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**All: 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.**

The Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"