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A reading from the book of Romans chapter 1 verses 8 through 15.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 29

**Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

**Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.**

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

People: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

People: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

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**Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

People: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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.

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said

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to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*