

A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 54 verse 1 to 10:

“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and cry aloud,
you who have not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married,”
says the LORD.

“Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations
be stretched out;

do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.

For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
and your offspring will possess the nations
and will people the desolate cities.

“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood
you will remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.

For the LORD has called you
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,
says your God.

For a brief moment I deserted you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.
In overflowing anger for a moment

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I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

“This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
and will not rebuke you.
For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 130.

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!

**People: Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**People: And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

**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 from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.