

**A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 26 verse 12 to 22.**

And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him, and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. (Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 16.

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

**People: As for the saints in the land,  
they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.**

Leader: The sorrows of those who run after another god  
shall multiply;

**People: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.**

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be shaken.**

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Leader: Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

**People: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**

Leader: You make known to me the path of life;

**People: in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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 John.**

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

And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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

**Leader: You may be seated.**