

**A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians chapter 4
verse 13 through chapter 5 verse 11.**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

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For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 104.

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**People: In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

**People: There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.**

Leader: These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

**People: When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.**

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

**People: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

**People: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

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Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**People: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Leader: Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
Praise the LORD!**

**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.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.