

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.

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.

Please join me in praying Psalm 78.

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

**People: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

**People: We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation**

Leader: the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

**People: He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,**

Leader: which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,

**People: that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,**

Leader: and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God

**People: and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;**

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Leader: and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,

**People: a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

**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.**

A reading from 1 Timothy 2:1-7. You can find the reading on page 991 in your pew Bible.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.