

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.

Please join me in praying Psalm 123.

Reader: To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**People: Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,**

Reader: as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,

**People: so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy upon us.**

Reader: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**People: Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

**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 6:3-10. You can find the reading on page 993 in your pew Bible.

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.