

**A reading from Romans chapter 5 verses 12 through 19. You can find the reading on page 942 in your pew Bible.**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 32.

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**People: Blessed is the man against whom  
the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

**People: surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me;

**People: you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

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Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**People: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

Leader: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**People: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**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.***

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and  
"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve."

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Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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