

**A reading from Isaiah chapter 6 verses 8 through 13. You can find the reading on page 571 in your pew Bible.**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

Make the heart of this people dull,  
and their ears heavy,  
and blind their eyes;

lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is a desolate waste,  
and the LORD removes people far away,  
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

And though a tenth remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak,  
whose stump remains  
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 25.

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;

**People: let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Leader: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**People: for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.**

Leader: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**People: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.**

**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.**

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Please join me in praying the Collect of the Day:

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.***

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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