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A reading from Hebrews chapter 1 verses 1 through 4. You can find the reading on page 1001 in your pew Bible.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 27.

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,

**People: my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

**People: though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,**

Leader: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

**People: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;**

Leader: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**People: And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,**

Leader: and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, "Seek my face."

Leader: My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not your face from me.

**People: Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.**

Leader: Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

**People: For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

**People: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

**People: Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

**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.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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***And now would you join me as we collect our prayers
(intercessions) through the collect (prayer) of the day***

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:

Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls,

that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.