

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 2 verses 11 through 16.
You can find the reading on page 953 in your pew Bible.**

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 107.

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble**

Leader: and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**People: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

Leader: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

**People: He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,**

Leader: a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the evil of its inhabitants.

**People: He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.**

Leader: And there he lets the hungry dwell,
and they establish a city to live in;

**People: they sow fields and plant vineyards
and get a fruitful yield.**

Leader: By his blessing they multiply greatly,
and he does not let their livestock diminish.

**People: When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,**

Leader: he pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

**People: but he raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.**

Leader: The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

**People: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of 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.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I

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will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

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***

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.