Please join me in praying Psalm 22.

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Leader: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

People: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Leader: In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

People: To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Leader: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

People: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

Leader: "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

People: Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

Leader: On you was I cast from my birth,

and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

People: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

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 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.

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.