

A reading from Acts chapter 4 verses 32 through 37. You can find the reading on page 912 in your pew Bible.

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 104.

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**People: Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.**

Leader: There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

**People: These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.**

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

Leader: when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

**People: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

**People: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

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Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**People: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

**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 Matthew.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.