

**A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 10 verses 12 through 22. You can find the reading on page 155 in your pew Bible.**

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 146.

Leader: Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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

Leader: Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**People: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**People: who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,**

Leader: who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

**People: The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

**People: The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Leader: The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**People: Praise 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 Luke.**

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

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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