

A reading from Titus chapter 3 verses 1 through 7. You can find the reading on page 998 in your pew Bible.

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 145.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

Leader: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

**People: The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**People: You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

**People: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

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Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

People: **The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

All: **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**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.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.