

**A reading from Habakkuk chapter 2 verses 1 through 4. You can find the reading on page 785 in your pew Bible.**

I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.  
For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 88.

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;

**People: let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Leader: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**People: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**People: according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**People: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.**

**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.’”

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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