

**A reading from Romans chapter 13 verses 8 through 14. You can find this reading on page 948 of your pew Bible.**

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 122.

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**People: Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,  
to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,

**People: as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!

**People: Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”**

Leader: For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**People: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.**

**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: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.**

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

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord  
*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***