

A reading from Acts chapter 16 verses 11 through 15. You can find this reading on page 925 of your pew Bible.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 40.

Leader: In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

**People: Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.**

Leader: Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**People: I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

**People: behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.**

Leader: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**People: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

Leader: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;

**People: your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!**

**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 John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.