

A reading from Romans chapter 6 verses 12 through 16. You can find this reading on page 943 of your pew Bible.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 123.

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**People: Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,**

Leader: as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,

**People: so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he has mercy upon us.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**People: Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

**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.

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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