

**A reading from Romans chapter 6 verses 20 through 23. You can find this reading on page 943 of your pew Bible.**

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 99.**

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!

**People: The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;**

Leader: you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

**People: They called to the Lord, and he answered them.  
In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;**

Leader: they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.

**People: O Lord our God, you answered them;**

Leader: you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**People: Exalt the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!**

**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 Luke.**

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

“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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