

**A reading from Ecclesiastes chapter 1 verses 1 through 9. You can find this reading on page 553 of your pew Bible.**

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.

The wind blows to the south  
and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.

All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow,  
there they flow again.

All things are full of weariness;  
a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
nor the ear filled with hearing.

What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 118.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

**People: Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:**

Leader: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

**People: the right hand of the Lord exalts,  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

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

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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