

**A reading from Isaiah chapter 40 verses 9 through 11 and 27 through 31. You can find this reading on page 599 of your pew Bible.**

Go on up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”  
Behold, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
***Thanks be to God.***

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**Please join me in praying Psalm 33.**

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People: For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**People: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.**

**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 Luke.**

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

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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