

A reading from Jeremiah chapter 7 verses 1 through 4. You can find this reading on page 634 of your pew Bible.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.’”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Leader: Please join me in praying Psalm 145.

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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**People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**People: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

**People: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

**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 Matthew.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.