

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verses 1 through 9.
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Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 89.

Leader: O Lord God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?

**People: You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.**

Leader: You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

**People: The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.**

Leader: The north and the south, you have created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

**People: You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

People: steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Leader: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

**People: who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

Leader: For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

**People: For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**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 Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.