

A reading from 1 John chapter 5 verses 1 through 5. You can find this reading on page 1023 of your pew Bible.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 111.

Leader: Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**People: He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

**People: they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

**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.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.