

A reading from Genesis chapter 3 verses 17 through 19. You can find this reading on page 3 of your pew Bible.

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 85.

Leader: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

**People: Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

Leader: Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

**People: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

**People: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Leader: Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**People: Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.**

**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.

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.