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**A reading from Colossians chapter 3 verses 1 through 5. You can find this reading on page 984 of your pew Bible.**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 52.**

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**People: They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,

**People: to declare that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

**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 they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

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