

A reading from Revelation chapter 1 verses 4 through 8. You can find this reading on page 1028 of your pew Bible.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 93.

Leader: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

**People: The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.**

Leader: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

**People: Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.**

**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 as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.”

David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.