

A reading from 1 Peter chapter 5 verses 6 through 11. You can find this reading on page 1017 of your pew Bible.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please join me in praying Psalm 27.

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,

**People: my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

**People: though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

Leader: to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

**People: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;**

Leader: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**People: And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,**

Leader: and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**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 Luke.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.