***Introit (Psalm 118)***

P: Look! Your King comes to you.

**C: He is righteous and has salvation.**

P: Lord, we pray You will save us!

**C: Lord, we pray You will give-us success!**

P: Bless the man coming in the name of the Lord!

**C: From the house of the Lord, we bless You.**

P: The Lord is God, and He makes His light shine on us.

**C: Tie-up the sacrifice and put it on the altar.**

P: You are my God and I will thank You.

**C: You are my God and I will praise You.**

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Lord Jesus, use Your power and come. Our sins will destroy us, but Your protection can save us from our sins. Lord Jesus, show us Your mighty salvation. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Isaiah chapter 2.

 This is the message God showed ISAIAH, son of AMOZ, about the country named JUDAH and the city named JERUSALEM.

 This will happen in the last days. The temple mountain will become the highest mountain. God will lift-up that mountain above the hills. People from all nations will go to that mountain. The people will say, “Let us go to the Lord’s mountain and to the house of the God of JACOB. God will teach us His ways, then we can live following Him.”

 God’s law will spread-out from MOUNT ZION. The Lord’s word will spread-out from JERUSALEM.

 God will judge the nations and solve arguments for many people. The people will make their swords become plows. They will change their spears to become knives for pruning (cutting) trees. Nations will no-more fight other nations. They will no-more prepare for war. Now, you people from JACOB’S family, come and live in the light from the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*You have two choices for the New Testament lesson, a longer reading from Romans 13 and a shorter reading from Romans 13. Choose one.*

*This is the longer reading.*

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 13.

 Don’t owe anything to any person. Owe only one thing, that you love each-other. The person who loves others is doing what the law says. The commandments say, you will not do adultery, you will not murder, you will not steal, you will not desire other people’s things, and every other commandment. You can say all the commandments in one sentence: You will love your neighbor the same-as you love yourself. Love does nothing wrong to a neighbor. Therefore love does everything the law says.

 You know now is the time to wake-up from sleep. Salvation is more near now than when we first believed. The night time is finished and the new day is beginning.

 Now let us throw-away the sins of darkness and live in God’s light that protects us. Let us live in good behavior same-as in the daytime, not in sinful pleasure and getting drunk, not with sex sins or pleasure, not with arguing or jealousy. But clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and don’t follow the sinful hungers of your body.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*This is the shorter reading.*

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 13.

 You know now is the time to wake-up from sleep. Salvation is more near now than when we first believed. The night time is finished and the new day is beginning.

 Now let us throw-away the sins of darkness and live in God’s light that protects us. Let us live in good behavior same-as in the daytime, not in sinful pleasure and getting drunk, not with sex sins or pleasure, not with arguing or jealousy. But clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and don’t follow the sinful hungers of your body.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*You have two choices for the Gospel lesson, a reading from Matthew 21 and a reading from Matthew 24. Choose one.*

*This is the first choice.*

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 21.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 Jesus and the disciples came near JERUSALEM. When they came to the town BETHPHAGE on the MOUNT of OLIVES, Jesus sent two disciples and told them, “Go into the town. When you enter it, you will see a donkey and a COLT tied up. Untie both and bring them here. If anyone says something to you, tell them, ‘The Lord needs them and soon He will give them to you again.’”

 This happened the same-as the prophet said, “Tell the Daughter of ZION (the people of JERUSALEM), ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble and riding a donkey, He is riding a COLT, born from a donkey.’”

 The two disciples went and did the same-as Jesus told them. The disciples brought the donkey and COLT to Jesus. They put their coats on the donkey and COLT, and Jesus sat on them. Many people laid down their coats on the road. Other people cut branches from trees and laid them on the road. People on the road in-front-of Jesus and behind Him shouted, “Praise the Son of DAVID! Lord, save us! Bless Him coming in the name of the Lord! Praise God in heaven!”

 Jesus entered JERUSALEM. All the people in the city asked, “Who is this?” The crowd of people answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from NAZARETH in GALILEE.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.

*This is the second choice.*

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 24.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 Jesus said, “No one knows the day or hour the end will happen. The angels in heaven don’t know, the Son doesn’t know. Only the Father knows. When the Son of Man comes, that will happen same-as the time of NOAH. In the time before the flood the people ate and drank, and men and women married until the day NOAH entered the boat. The people knew nothing until the flood came and took-away all the people. The same will happen when the Son of Man comes.”

 “Then two men will stand in a field, one will be taken-away, and the other man stays there. Two women will be grinding grain, one will be taken-away and the other woman stays there.”

 “Watch, because you don’t-know which day your Lord is-coming. You know that if the man in the house knew the time of night that a thief will enter the house, then he will stay awake and not let anyone break into the house.”

 “You also be-ready, because the Son of Man is-coming a time that you don’t-know.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.