***Introit (Psalm 67)***

P: Let people praise You, God.

**C: Let all people praise You!**

P: Let nations be happy and sing with joy,

**C: Because You judge fairly all people, and You lead the nations.**

P: Let people praise You, God.

**C: Let all people praise You!**

P: The earth grows food.

**C: God, our God, will bless us.**

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**C: Let all the earth honor Him!**

**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: Almighty and eternal God, Your apostles and prophets preached Your word. Your word announces Your desire to save us. Give us faith to believe Your promises, then we will have eternal salvation. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Exodus chapter 19.

 The Israelites left the place named REPHIDIM. They traveled to the desert around MT. SINAI and set-up their tents near the mountain. MOSES went-up the mountain to meet God. The Lord was on the mountain and He called-to MOSES and said, “You tell the people of Israel, ‘You saw the things I did to the EGYPTIAN people. You saw how I carried you here. I quickly brought you to Me. Now if you will obey Me and keep My word, you will be My special people. All the earth is Mine, but no other nation will be the same-as you. And you will be a kingdom of priests to serve Me; you will be a holy nation.’ Say that for the people of Israel.”

 MOSES went-down and called the leaders of the people and told them all God's words. All the people answered together, “We will do everything the Lord commanded.” Then Moses told the Lord what the people said.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Romans chapter 5.

 At the right time, while we were helpless, Christ died for sinners. Most people don’t-want to die to save a righteous person. Maybe someone is brave to die for a good man. But God shows us how-much He loves us, because while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

 Jesus’ blood made us holy people, now we know surely that Jesus will save us from God’s anger. In the past we were God’s enemies, but God’s Son died for us and He gave us a new relationship with God. Now much more, Jesus’ life will save us. Also, because we have a new relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice much in God.

 Sin entered the world because one man sinned. Death came with sin. Death spread to all people, because all people sinned. Before God gave the Law, sin was already in the world. But God doesn’t judge sin without the Law.

 Death reigned from ADAM until MOSES. Death even reigned people who sinned different from ADAM. ADAM was an example of the One Man (Jesus) who will come later.

 God’s free gift is not the same-as the sin. One man sinned and made many people die. Much more, God’s grace and Jesus’ gift overflow to many people.

This is the word of the Lord.

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*You have two choices for the Gospel lesson, a longer reading from Matthew 9 and 10, and a shorter reading from Matthew 9 and 10. Choose one.*

*The longer reading.*

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapters 9 and 10.

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

 Jesus visited all the towns big and small. He taught in the Jewish churches, He preached the good news of the kingdom, and He healed sick people and every problem. Jesus saw the many people, and He felt sorry for them. The people had many troubles and were helpless, the same-as sheep not having a shepherd.

 Then Jesus told His disciples, “The harvest is large, but the workers are few. The harvest belongs to the Lord. Pray to Him to send workers to gather His harvest.”

 Then Jesus called His twelve disciples. He gave them authority to throw evil spirits out-of people. And He gave them power to heal all sickness and problems.

 These are the twelve apostles: SIMON PETER, his brother ANDREW, the sons of ZEBEDEE named JAMES and JOHN, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS, the tax collector named MATTHEW, JAMES the son of ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON the ZEALOT, JUDAS ISCARIOT, the man betraying Jesus.

 Jesus sent-out those twelve men. Jesus said, “Don’t visit non-Jews and don’t go into the country named SAMARIA. Only go to the lost people in Israel. And while you travel, you announce: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ Heal the sick people, raise dead people alive; heal people sick with leprosy; throw-out demons. I gave-to-you free, you also give-away free.”

 “Take no gold or silver or COPPER money with you. Don’t take a bag, don’t take two sets of clothes or two sandals or two walking sticks, because the worker earns his food. When you enter a town, find a worthy person and stay there until you leave. When you enter a house, greet the people there. If they are worthy, let your peace stay there. If they are not worthy, your peace will come again to you.”

 “If anyone doesn’t welcome you or doesn’t listen to you, then you leave the town and shake the dust off your feet. I tell you the truth, the day of judgment will be better for SODOM and GOMORRAH than for that town.”

 “Look, I send you the same-as sheep among wolves. You must be wise the same-as snakes and innocent the same-as DOVES. Watch-out for men. They will arrest you and take you to court. They will whip you in the Jewish churches. They will take you to governors and kings to judge you, then you can witness to them and to the non-Jews.”

 “When they arrest you, don’t worry about what you will say. God will give you the right words at that time. You yourself don’t speak. The Spirit from the Father will speak through you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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