***Introit (Psalm 113)***

P: From the East to the West,

**C: Praise the Lord’s name!**

P: Servants of the Lord, praise the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord’s name!

P: Bless the Lord’s name

**C: Now and forever.**

P: The Lord is high above all nations.

**C: His glory is above the heavens.**

P: He lifts-up poor people from the dirt.

**C: He lifts-up poor people from ashes.**

P: He gives them seats with their rulers.

**C: They sit with the rulers of God’s people.**

**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, give mercy for our weakness. Use Your strong hand to heal and protect us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 Jonah chapter 3.

God spoke to JONAH a second time, “Get up, go to the city NINEVEH, that powerful city. Preach the words I tell you.”

JONAH stood up and went to the city NINEVEH. The city was very large, you needed three days to walk across the city. And JONAH walked into the city one full day. JONAH preached to the people, “Forty days and God will destroy this city.” Then the people in the city NINEVEH believed God. They announced a time for fasting. Everyone, also most important and last important people, put on rough clothes to show their sorrow.

God saw that the people stopped doing evil. Then God stopped His plan and He didn’t destroy them.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 1 Corinthians chapter 7.

Christian friends, I mean the time is soon. If you have a wife, then live same-as if you had no wife. If you cry, then live same-as if you don’t cry. If you are rejoicing, then live same-as if you don’t rejoice. If you buy things, then live same-as if you have nothing. If you use the things in the world, don’t love the things in the world, because this world will disappear.

I don’t want you to worry. A single man, not married, he thinks about the Lord’s things, how he pleases the Lord. But a married man worries about worldly things and how to please his wife. His attention is divided, attending to God and his wife both. A single woman or a young woman thinks about the Lord and how to keep her body and spirit holy. But a married woman worries about worldly things and how to please her husband.

I’m not limiting you. I say this to help you, then you can fully pay-attention to serving and worshiping the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 1.

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

King HEROD arrested JOHN and put him in jail. Then Jesus went to the country named GALILEE and He preached the good news. He said, “The time is now. God’s kingdom is here. Repent and believe the good news.”

Jesus walked near the lake named GALILEE. Jesus saw PETER and his brother ANDREW, both fishermen, throwing the nets into the water. Jesus told them, “Come, follow Me and I will make you catch people.” Quickly PETER and ANDREW dropped their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus walked a short distance and He saw JAMES, the son of ZEBEDEE, and his brother JOHN in their boat fixing their nets. Jesus called JAMES and JOHN. They left their father ZEBEDEE and the other workers in the boat and they followed Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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