***Introit (Psalm 116)***

P: O God, protect me from wicked people.

C: Save me from liars and cheaters.

P: I love the Lord!

**C. He heard me cry out for mercy.**

P: The Lord attended to me;

**C: I will call-to Him all my life.**

P: Death threatened me. The pain of death grabbed me.

**C: I suffered sorrow and grief.**

P: Then I called-on the Lord’s name.

**C: Lord, save me!**

P: Lord, You saved my soul from death.

**C: You saved me from crying and falling.**

**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 God, in Your great goodness, look at Your people with Your mercy. Lead us and protect us always in body and soul. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Jeremiah chapter 31.

The Lord announces, “The days will happen that I will make a new promise for the people ISRAEL and JUDAH. The new promise will not be-the-same-as the old promise I made for their fathers. I made that old promise that day I led them out from Egypt. I was the same-as a husband for them, but they broke My promise.”

The Lord announces, “In that future day, I will make this new promise. I will put My Law inside them and I will write My Law on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people.”

“No one will teach his neighbor or brother and say, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ Why? Because they will all know Me, no-matter important or not important people, all people will know Me.” The Lord announces, “I will forgive their wrong-doing, and I will not remember their sins any more.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Hebrews chapter 5.

Every high priest is a man, a human. People choose him to serve God for the people. The priest gives to God gifts and sacrifices for sins. The priest himself is weak in many ways. Then happens people don’t-know or they make mistakes, he can show kindness to them. Because the priest himself is weak, he must sacrifice for his own sins, the same-as he sacrifices for the people’s sins.

No one takes this responsibility for himself. God calls a man to become high priest same-as God called AARON. The same, Christ didn't make Himself become high priest. God said to Jesus, "You are My Son, today I became Your Father.” And in another Bible verse God said, "You are a priest forever, same-as MELCHIZEDEK.”

During Jesus’ life on earth, He prayed to God with a loud voice and tears. He knew God could save Him from death. He prayed humble and honoring God, and God heard Him.

Jesus was God's Son, but Jesus learned to obey through suffering. He obeyed perfectly, and He Himself gives eternal salvation to all people obeying Him. Because God announced Him High Priest same-as MELCHIZEDEK.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*There are two choices for the Gospel lesson; a shorter reading from Mark 10, or a longer reading from Mark 10. Choose one.*

*Shorter reading*

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 10.

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

JAMES and JOHN, sons of ZEBEDEE, came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want You to do something for us.”

Jesus asked, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

They answered, “When You sit on Your throne in glory, let us sit with You, one on Your right and one on Your left.”

Jesus answered, “You don't-know what you ask. Can you drink the cup I must drink? Can you get baptized the same-as I am baptized?”

They said, “We can!”

Jesus said, “The cup I drink, you will also drink. My baptism, you will get baptized the same. But for you to sit at My right or left, I don’t choose who will sit there. God finished prepared those seats and He chose who will sit there.”

The other ten disciples heard about that and they became angry against JAMES and JOHN.

Then Jesus called His disciples together and said, “You know that the non-Jews reign with power, and their leaders control the people. But you will not do that. If you will become a leader, then you must serve other people. If you will become first, then you must become a slave serving everyone.”

“Because the Son of Man didn’t come for other people to serve Him. He came to serve and give-up His life same-as a payment to free many people.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Longer reading*

The Gospel lesson is from MARK chapter 10.

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

Jesus and the disciples were walking to JERUSALEM. Jesus led the way. The disciples were amazed and afraid. Jesus talked to the twelve disciples and explained what will happen to Him. Jesus said, “Look, we are going to Jerusalem. Someone will give the Son of Man (Jesus) to the chief priests and law teachers. They will judge Me and say I must die. They will give Me to the non-Jews. The non-Jews will mock Me and spit on Me, whip Me and kill Me. Three days later I will rise alive again.”

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