***Introit (Psalm 135)***

P: O Lord, Your name continues forever.

**C: Every generation knows Your works.**

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord’s name.

C: All you who serve the Lord, praise Him!

P: You people standing in the Lord’s house,

C: You priests serving in the temple.

P: Praise the Lord, because He is good.

**C: Sing praise to His name!**

P: O Lord, Your name continues forever.

C: Every generation knows Your works.

P: The Lord will save His people

**C: And He shows mercy to His servants.**

**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: Eternal Father, every blessing comes from You. Show mercy to us. Let Your Holy Spirit reign and guide us, then we can do the works You prepared for us. 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 Numbers chapter 11.

 The trouble-makers became greedy, and God's people cried for food. They said, “Who will give us meat to eat? We remember in Egypt all the free fish we ate, also the CUCUMBERS, WATERMELONS, LEEKS, ONIONS, and GARLIC. But now our strength is gone, and we only have MANNA.”

 MOSES heard all the families crying, all the people in their tents. The Lord became very angry, and MOSES was upset. MOSES asked the Lord, “Why are You mean to Your servant? Why are You not happy with me and You burden me with these people? Was I pregnant and did I give-birth to these people? Why do You make me take-care of them same-as a young baby and bring them to the land You promised to their fathers?”

 “These people cry, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ Where can I get meat for these people? I can’t take-care of these people myself. They are too-much trouble for me. If that is Your plan for me, then please show kindness and kill me and don’t let me suffer more.”

 The Lord told MOSES, “Bring Me seventy leaders of Israel, good men that you know. Bring them into the meeting tent to stand there with you.”

 MOSES went out of the meeting tent and told the people what the Lord said. MOSES chose the seventy leaders and they entered the tent. Then the Lord came-down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. The Lord put His Holy Spirit on the leaders. When the Spirit came to the seventy leaders, then they began speaking God’s word. But that happened only that one time.

 Two of the leaders, named ELDAD and MEDAD, stayed in the camp with the people and the Spirit came on them. They were in the 70 leaders, but they didn’t enter the meeting tent. So they spoke God’s word in the camp. A young man ran and told MOSES, “ELDAD and MEDAD are speaking God’s word in the camp!” Then JOSHUA, the son of NUN, MOSES’ helper, said to MOSES, “Please make them stop!”

 MOSES answered, “Are you worried for me? I wish that the Lord would give His Spirit to all His people and make all His people become prophets!”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*You have two choices for the New Testament lesson, a long reading from James 5 and a short reading from James 5. Choose one.*

*The longer reading.*

The New Testament lesson is from James chapter 5.

 You rich people, cry and shout because trouble will hit you. Your riches are ROTTEN and MOTHS ate your clothes. Your gold and silver are RUSTED. The RUST will show your sin and will destroy your body the same-as fire. In the last days, you saved money. The people who worked in your fields, you should pay them, but you kept the money. That money is shouting against you. The Lord hears the workers crying. You live rich and enjoying yourself. You made your hearts fat for a day of punishment. You judged, you killed the righteous person, and he doesn’t stop you.

 Dear believers, be patient until the Lord comes. Look at the farmer. He waits for the ground to grow precious food. He is patient, waiting for the early and late rain.

 You should also be patient. Make your hearts ready because the Lord is coming soon. Dear Christians, don’t complain against each other, or God will judge you. The Judge is near, standing by the door.

 Remember the prophets who preached in the Lord’s name. They are an example for you of suffering and patience. When someone continues faithful, we say God blesses them. You finished heard about the man named JOB and how he was faithful. You see the Lord’s plans, that the Lord is patient and full of mercy.

 Dear Christians, most important, don’t swear. Don’t swear on heaven or earth or any other serious promise. Only say yes or no, then God will not punish you.

 Is anyone suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing praises. Is anyone sick? Let him call the church ELDERS. They will pray for him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer in faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him. If he sinned, God will forgive him.

 Therefore, confess your sins to each other. Pray for each other. Then you will become healed. A righteous person’s prayer has great power to work.

 ELIJAH was a man the same-as us. He prayed seriously for no rain, and it didn’t rain for three years and six months. He prayed again and the rain poured down and plants grew again.

 Dear Christians, if anyone strays from the truth, another person should bring him back. You should know that a person who saves a sinner will save his soul from death, and God forgives his many sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

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*The shorter reading.*

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C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 9.

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

 One of Jesus’ twelve disciples, named JOHN, said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using Your name to throw-out demons from people. We told that man to stop because he wasn’t following us.”

 Jesus answered, “Don’t stop that man. If someone does powerful work using My name, he will not say anything bad about Me. If a person is not against us, then he supports us. Truly, I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink in My name because you belong to Christ, that person will receive their reward.

 If a child believes in Me and someone causes that child to sin, it is better for that person if you tie a large stone around his neck, throw him into the sea and he drowns.

 If your hand makes you sin, cut-it-off. Better to live with one hand and go to heaven, than live with two hands and go to hell and eternal fire. If your foot makes you sin, cut-it-off. Better to live with one foot and go to heaven, than live with two feet and go to hell. If your eye makes you sin, take-it-out. Better to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and God throws you into hell. In hell, worms eating you will never die, and fires hurting you don’t stop. Everyone will get salted with fire.”

 “Salt is good. But if salt loses taste, how can you make it taste like salt again? You yourselves should become same-as salt, and live in peace with each-other.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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