***Introit (Psalm 16)***

P: Bless the Holy Trinity and the one true God.

C: We give Him glory because He shows mercy for us.

P: I see the Lord always in-front-of me.

**C: The Lord is near my right hand. I will always be strong.**

P: My heart is happy. My whole life rejoices.

**C: My body lives in safety.**

P: You will not leave me in hell.

**C: You will not let Your holy one dissolve in the grave.**

P: You showed me the road of life.

**C: With You is full joy. You give happiness forever.**

**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, You give us faith for us to believe You are the only true eternal God. Make us faithful to always worship You, always proclaim You, our only God and our only Savior. Keep us strong in faith and protect us from all enemies. We pray to You Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson is from Isaiah chapter 6.

 ISAIAH wrote: The same year King UZZIAH died, I saw the Lord. He was sitting on His throne, high and full of glory, and His robe filled the temple. Bright burning angels stood above Him. Each angel had six wings; two wings covered their face, two wings covered their feet, and they used two wings to fly. They called-out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. All the earth is full of His glory.” Their voices made the temple and the foundation shake, and the temple was full of smoke.

 I cried and was very sad. I said, “I am lost! My speaking and life are not clean, and I live with people who are not clean. And my eyes saw the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the burning angels flew to me. He took fire from the altar and brought the fire to me. He touched my mouth with the fire. He said, “Look! This fire touched your mouth. Your guilt is gone and God forgives your sin.”

 Then I heard the Lord’s voice. He said, “Who will I send? Who will go for us?” I answered, “Here am I. Send me!”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Acts chapter 2.

 PETER stood with the other eleven apostles. He said, “All of you, pay-attention! How do we know God sent Jesus? Because Jesus did miracles and proofs and amazing things. God did those things to show you He sent Jesus. You saw that.

 God knew and He planned that you will get wicked people to help you judge, crucify, and kill Jesus. But God raised Jesus from death. Death can’t keep Jesus.

 DAVID spoke about Jesus. He said, ‘I saw the Lord always in-front-of me. The Lord is with me, to support and protect me. Now my heart and mouth rejoice, and my body will live with hope. Why? Because You, Lord, will not leave my soul in Hell. You will not let Your Holy One dissolve in the grave. You told me the way of life. You will make me full with joy, because You are with me.’”

 PETER continued talking. “Brothers, you know King DAVID died and was buried. His grave is still here today. But DAVID was a prophet. God promised DAVID, one of his descendants will rule after DAVID.

 DAVID knew that. DAVID saw what will happen. That is why he talked about Christ rising from the grave. Jesus didn’t stay in Hell, and Jesus’ body did not dissolve in the grave. God raised Jesus alive, and all of us saw Him alive.

 Now, Jesus is in glory with God. Jesus received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father. Now Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit, the same-as you see and hear.”

 “DAVID’S body did not go up into heaven. But DAVID said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit here, by My right hand. I will give you control over your enemies.’ Now all the Jews should know, you crucified Jesus, but God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 3.

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

 A man named NICODEMUS was a PHARISEE. He was a leader on the Jewish council. One night, NICODEMUS came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we know You are a teacher from God because You do wonderful signs. You can do those things only because God is with You.”

 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless that person is born again.”

 NICODEMUS asked, “When a man is old, how can he be born? Can a man enter his mother and get born again?”

 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter God’s kingdom unless that person is born from water and the Spirit. Flesh gives-birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives-birth to spirit.

 “You shouldn’t be surprised when I tell you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where the wind wants. You hear the wind, but you don’t know where the wind comes from or where it goes. People born from the Spirit are the same.”

 NICODEMUS asked, “How can that happen?”

 Jesus answered, “You are a teacher in Israel, and you don’t understand? I tell you the truth, we talk about things we know. We talk about things we see. Still, you people don’t believe what we announce. I explained earthly things to you, and you don’t believe. If I talk about heavenly things, how can you believe? No one has gone up into heaven except the Son of Man, and He came down from heaven. The same-as MOSES lifted-up the snake in the desert, people must lift-up the Son of Man. Then everyone who believes in the Son of Man can have eternal life.”

 Because God loved the world this way: He gave His one and only Son, then whoever believes in Him (the Son) will not die, but will have eternal life. Because God didn’t send His Son into the world to judge the world. God sent His Son to save the world through the Son.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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