***Introit (Psalm 105)***

P: The same-as new-born babies, you want pure spiritual milk. Then you will grow-up in salvation.

**C: If you tasted that the Lord is good.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord. Call-on His name.

**C: Tell the nations what He has done!**

P: Sing for God! Praise Him!

**C: Announce all His wonderful work.**

P: Glory in His holy name.

**C: People who search-for the Lord, rejoice!**

P: Look-for the Lord and His strength.

**C: Always look-for His face.**

P: Remember His amazing work.

**C: Remember His wonderful works and His judgments.**

P: He remembers His promise forever.

**C: He remembers His commands for a thousand generations.**

**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, we celebrated our Lord Jesus Christ’s wonderful resurrection. Give us Your grace. Then we can announce and show Jesus is Lord and God. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

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 The high priest, the people with him, the Jewish leaders and council all met together. They sent guards to the jail to get the apostles. But the guards didn’t find the apostles in jail. The guards went again to the meeting and said, “The jail was locked and the guards were there. But the jail was empty.”

 The temple captain and the chief priests were confused and wondered what will happen now. Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are now standing in the temple and teaching the people.” Then the captain and guards went to the temple to get the apostles. But they didn’t force the apostles. The Jewish leaders were afraid the people might stone them.

 The leaders brought the apostles to the council meeting. The high priest said to the apostles, “We commanded you not to teach about Jesus. But you continue teaching everyone in Jerusalem. You are trying to make us guilty for killing Jesus.”

 PETER and the apostles answered, “We must obey God, not people. The God for our fathers, He raised Jesus alive. You put Jesus on the cross and killed Him. But God lifted-up Jesus to His right hand and showed Jesus is our Leader and Savior. Jesus gives repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses about these things. The Holy Spirit is also a witness. God gave the Holy Spirit to people who obey Him.”

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Second Lesson from Revelation chapter 1.

 A letter from John to the seven churches in ASIA.

 Grace and peace to you from God who was in the past, is now, and is coming; also from the seven spirits in front of God’s throne; also from Jesus Christ. Jesus is the faithful witness. He is the first to rise from death, and He is the ruler above all kings on earth. He loves us and His blood frees us from sin. He made us a kingdom of priests to serve His God and Father. He has glory and reigns forever! Amen.

 Look! Jesus is coming with the clouds. Everyone will see Him, the people who killed Him also will see Him. All the people on earth will cry because of Jesus. This will happen. Amen.

 The Lord God says, “I am the A and the Z. I am God now, I was God in the past, and I am coming, the Almighty God.”

 I am JOHN, your brother. Jesus gives us suffering, the kingdom, and patience, and we experience those things together. I was on the island named PATMOS because of Jesus Christ and God’s word. On the Lord’s day (Sunday), the Holy Spirit filled me and I heard a loud voice same-as a trumpet behind me. The voice said, “Write in a book the things you see. Send the book to seven churches: EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, and LAODICEA.”

 I turned to see who was speaking. I saw seven golden LAMPSTANDS. In the middle of the LAMPSTANDS, I saw Jesus the same-as a “Son of Man.” He was dressed with a long robe and had a gold band around His chest. His head and hair were white same-as wool, same-as snow. His eyes were bright same-as fire. His feet were shining same-as BRONZE in a fire. His voice was powerful the same-as the sound of the ocean. His right hand held seven stars. He had a sharp two-edged sword in His mouth. His face was bright same-as the sun.

 When I saw Jesus, I fell down same-as I was dead. His right hand touched me and He said, “Don’t be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead, but look! I am alive forever. I control death and hell.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 20.

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

 On Sunday evening, the disciples were together. The doors were locked because they were afraid of the Jews. Jesus came and stood with the disciples. He said, “Peace to you!” Then Jesus showed them His hands and side. The disciples saw the Lord and they were full of joy.

 Again, Jesus said, “Peace to you! The Father sent Me, now I send you the same.” Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone their sins, their sins are truly forgiven. If you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

 THOMAS, also named the TWIN, was one of the twelve disciples. But he wasn’t with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We saw the Lord!” But THOMAS said, “I must see His hands, the nail marks, and touch there, and I must touch His side, or I will not believe.”

 A week later, the disciples were in the house. THOMAS was with them. The doors were locked, didn’t-matter, Jesus came and stood with the disciples. Jesus said, “Peace to you!” Then Jesus told THOMAS, “Touch and see My hands. Your hand touch-My-side. Stop doubting. Believe!”

 THOMAS said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said, “You believe because you see Me? Blessed are those people who haven’t seen Me, but they believe.”

 Jesus did many other wonderful works in-front-of the disciples, many things not written in this book. But these things are written so you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then you will believe in Him and have life in His name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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