***Introit (Psalm 78 and John 10)***

P: Jesus said, I am the Good Shepherd.

**C: I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me. I give-up My life for the sheep.**

P: God chose His servant David. God took him from taking-care-of sheep.

**C: He took-care-of the mother sheep. But God made him take-care-of His people Israel.**

P: David had a good and right heart to take-care-of them.

**C: His skill led God’s people.**

P: We are Your people, the sheep in Your field. We will thank You forever.

**C: Every generation will praise You.**

**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, Father full of mercy, You raised Jesus our Savior from the dead. Now Jesus is our Shepherd forever. Give us Your Holy Spirit. Then when Jesus calls us to follow Him, we will know His voice and follow Him. 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 First Lesson is from Acts chapter 20.

PAUL sent a messenger to EPHESUS and asked the ELDERS (pastors) to meet him in the city named MILETUS. When they came, PAUL said, “You know I lived with you all the time I was in ASIA. I humbly served the Lord with tears and through the troubles from the Jews. I didn’t hide any right teaching. I taught everyone and in every house. I told both Jews and non-Jews, they must come to God with repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

“Now the Spirit is leading me to JERUSALEM. I don’t know what will happen there. But the Holy Spirit tells me that prison and suffering wait for me in every city. But my life is not important to me. I must finish my work and finish this ministry that the Lord Jesus gave me. I must preach the good news about God’s grace. That is most important.”

“Understand, I preached to all of you about the kingdom, but you will not see me again. So I tell you today, I am innocent of your blood. My work with you is finished. I preached all God’s word for you.”

“Protect yourselves and your sheep. The Holy Spirit made you shepherds to take-care of God’s church. He used His own blood to buy the church. I know that after I leave, terrible wolves will come among you. They will not let the sheep live. Even from among yourselves, men will come and speak lies to deceive people and get followers. You must be careful. Remember that for three years, night and day I always warned you with tears.”

“Now I give you to God and His word of grace. His grace can build you up and give you the inheritance with His holy people. I didn’t desire anyone’s silver or gold or clothes. You know I worked and took-care of my needs and the men who worked with me. In everything I did, I showed how you should work hard and help weak Christians. Remember the Lord Jesus Himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Second Lesson is from Revelation chapter 7.

John wrote: I looked and in front of me were many, many people. No one could count how many people. They were from every nation, family, country and language. They all stood in-front-of the throne and the Lamb. They wore white robes and held PALM branches. They shouted with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God. He sits on the throne. And salvation belongs to the Lamb.”

All the angels stood around the throne, the ELDERS, and the four living beings\*. The angels bowed-down in-front-of the throne. They worshiped God and said, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever! Amen!”

Then one ELDER asked me, “These people wearing white robes, who are they? Where are they from?”

I answered, “I don’t know, but you know.”

He said, “These people came out of the time of much trouble. They washed their robes in the Lamb’s blood and made their robes white. That is why they are in-front-of God’s throne and every day and night they serve Him in His temple. God, He sits on the throne, He Himself will protect them. They will never again hunger. They will never again thirst. The sun and heat will not hurt them. The Lamb is in the center of the throne, and He will be their Shepherd. He will lead His people to springs of living water. Every crying-tear God will wipe-away.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

\* Sign this: four living exalted person (B-handshape, not the P-handshape)

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 10.

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

This was the time of the Feast of DEDICATION in JERUSALEM. It was winter. Jesus was in the temple walking in SOLOMON’S COLONNADE. The Jews came to Him and said, “How long will You make us wait? If You are the Christ, tell us clearly!”

Jesus answered, “I already told you, but you didn’t believe. I do work in My Father’s name, and My work shows who I am. But you don’t believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never die. No one can steal My sheep from Me. My Father gave-Me these sheep. My Father is greater than everyone, and no one can steal them from My Father. I (Jesus) and the Father are one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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