***Introit (Psalm 61)***

P: O God, attend my crying-out to You.

**C: Attend my prayer.**

P: You protect me.

**C: You are my strong protection against my enemy.**

P: God, You know my promises.

**C: You put me here with people who honor Your name.**

P: Give the king long life.

**C: Let him live many years, for all generations.**

P: Let the king be on his throne forever in-front-of God.

**C: Give love and faithfulness to watch-over the king.**

P: I will always praise Your name.

**C: Every-day I will do my promises.**

**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: King of glory, Lord Almighty, You are high above heaven in victory. We pray, don’t leave us alone. You promised You will send the Holy Spirit from God the Father. Now send us comfort, send Your Spirit of truth. 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 1.

 The disciples were on the MOUNT of OLIVES and saw Jesus go up into heaven. That place is near JERUSALEM, less than a mile away. The disciples went back to JERUSALEM. They went into the upper room of the house where they lived. The disciples were PETER, JOHN, JAMES, ANDREW, PHILIP, THOMAS, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, JAMES the son of ALPHAEUS, SIMON the ZEALOT, and JUDAS the son of JAMES. Those disciples, the women, Jesus’ mother MARY, and Jesus’ brothers, all believed the same and always prayed together.

 At that time, about 120 people believed in Jesus. PETER stood and said to them, “Believers, the Bible prophecy must happen. The Holy Spirit inspired DAVID to prophesy about JUDAS. JUDAS led people to arrest Jesus. JUDAS was a disciple with us and did this work with us.”

 This is what JUDAS did. He used his betrayal money to buy a field. He fell there and his stomach burst-open and he died. The people in JERUSALEM heard about that and they named that place the FIELD OF BLOOD.

 PETER said, “The Psalms say his home should be empty and no one live there, and let another man take his work. So we must choose a man to replace JUDAS. That man must have been with us all the time, beginning when JOHN baptized Jesus until Jesus went up into heaven. That man must witness with us about Jesus’ resurrection.”

 They named two men. One man was named JOSEPH, also named BARSABBAS and JUSTUS. The other man was named MATTHIAS. They prayed, “Lord, you know people’s hearts. Show us which person You chose to be an apostle instead of JUDAS, because JUDAS went to his own place.” They threw-dice and that showed MATTHIAS. He became an apostle with the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

*There are two choices for the second lesson, a shorter reading from Revelation 22 and a longer reading from Revelation 22. Choose one.*

*The shorter reading.*

The Second Lesson from Revelation chapter 22.

 The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright the same-as CRYSTAL. The water came from the throne of God and the Lamb. The river flowed on the middle of the street in the city. The tree of life was there with the river. The tree of life grew 12 kinds of fruit, and grew fruit every month. The tree’s leaves heal the nations.

 No cursed things will be there. The throne of God and the Lamb will be there and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face and His name will be on their foreheads. There is no more night. They will not need light from a lamp or the sun. The Lord God will shine on them and they will reign forever.

 The angel told me, “These words are faithful and true.” The Lord, the God who reigns the prophets, He sent His angel to tell His servants the things that will happen soon.

 Jesus said, “Look! I am coming soon and I am ready to judge. I will give to each person agreeing with their work. I am the A and the Z, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

 “Blessed are those people that wash their robes, because they can eat from the tree of life and they can enter the city gates. Outside the city are the evil people, the dogs, people doing magic, people doing sex sins, murderers, idol worshipers, and everyone who loves lies and tells lies.”

 “I, Jesus, sent My angel to tell you these things for the churches. I am the ROOT and the Descendent of DAVID. I am the bright Morning Star.”

 The Holy Spirit and the BRIDE say, “Come!” Let the people hearing this say, “Come!” Anyone who is thirsty, come. Anyone who wants, come and take the free gift, the water of life.

 I warn everyone who attends the prophecy in this book. If anyone adds to this book, God will add punishment to him, the same-as this book says. If anyone takes-away from this book, God will take-away the tree of life and the holy city from him, the same-as this book says.

 Jesus announces these things and says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

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*The longer reading.*

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 The angel told me, “These words are faithful and true.” The Lord, the God who reigns the prophets, He sent His angel to tell His servants the things that will happen soon.

 Jesus said, “Look! I am coming soon. Bless that person who follows the prophecy in this book.”

 I am JOHN, and I heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, then I bowed down to worship the angel who showed me these things. But the angel said, “Don’t worship me! I am a servant with you and with your brothers the prophets, and with everyone who follows the words in this book. Worship God!”

 The angel said, “Don’t hide the prophecy in this book, because the time is soon. Let the evil person continue doing evil. Let the dirty sinner continue sinning. Let the righteous person continue doing right. Let the holy person continue holy.”

 Jesus said, “Look! I am coming soon and I am ready to judge. I will give to each person agreeing with their work. I am the A and the Z, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

 “Blessed are those people that wash their robes, because they can eat from the tree of life and they can enter the city gates. Outside the city are the evil people, the dogs, people doing magic, people doing sex sins, murderers, idol worshipers, and everyone who loves lies and tells lies.”

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The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 17.

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

 Jesus prayed, “My prayer is not only for the disciples. I pray also for everyone who will hear their message and believe in Me. Father, I pray that they will be one, the same-as You are in Me and I am in You. Then they will also be joined with us. Then the world can believe You sent Me. You gave Me glory, I gave them glory the same. Then they can be one the same-as we are one. I am in them, and You are in Me. Then they can become one perfectly. Then the world will know You sent Me, and that You love them the same-as You love Me.”

 “Father, You gave Me those disciples. I want them to be with Me and see My glory. You gave Me that glory because You loved Me before the world began.”

 “Righteous Father, the world doesn’t know You, but I know You, and they know You sent Me. I told them Your name, and I will continue to tell them about You. Then the love You show Me, they can have Your love the same, and I Myself will be in them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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