***Introit (Psalm 62)***

P: Trust the Lord always. Pour-out your heart to Him.

C: God is our protection and safe place.

P: My soul waits patiently only for God.

C: My salvation comes from Him.

P: Only He is my rock and my salvation, my protection.

C: Nothing will shake me.

P: God spoke once. Twice I heard this.

C: Power and faithful love belong to the Lord God.

P: Lord, You will pay a man

C: Agreeing with his work.

**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: Lord, show mercy and attend our prayers. You finished made us free from our sins. Please save us from every evil thing. 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.

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The Lord says: if you change your ways and your actions, if you live and do right, if you are not mean to foreigners and children without parents and widows, if you don’t kill innocent people, if you don’t worship false gods, then I will let you live in this place. I will let you live forever in this land I gave your fathers long-ago.

This is the word of the Lord.

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 Look, you trust in foolish words for nothing. You steal, murder, do sexual sins, make false promises, worship the idol BAAL and other idols. Then you think you can come into My house where My name lives and you say, “God will save us.” And then you go continue doing those terrible sins!

 This temple has My name, but you made it a home for thieves. The Lord announces, I Myself see that! I first put My name in the city SHILOH. My people Israel did evil things there. Now go and look at SHILOH and see how I punished them.

 The same-as I punished SHILOH, I will punish you. You did all these sins. I spoke to you and you didn’t listen. I called you and you didn’t answer. That house where My name lives, that temple you trust, that place I gave you and your fathers, I will destroy that the same-as I destroyed SHILOH. I will throw-out you and your families and all the people of the country EPHRAIM.

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*The shorter N.T. reading.*

The New Testament lesson is from 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

 Rising from the dead happens this way. The body that gets buried is dead and will dissolve. The body God raises alive will never die or dissolve. The body buried has no honor, but God raises the body in glory. The body buried is weak, but God raises the body in power. The body buried is an earthly body, but God raises a spiritual body. We know there is a earthly body, so there is also a spiritual body.

 That is why the Bible says, “The first man ADAM became a living person.” The last ADAM (Jesus) became a Spirit who gives life. But the spiritual isn’t first. The earthly body is first, then the spiritual body. The first man (ADAM) was from earth, from dirt. The second man (Jesus) is from heaven.

 The people from dirt are the same-as the man from dirt, ADAM. The people who belong to heaven are the same-as the man from heaven, Jesus. We now are the same as the man from dirt, ADAM. But we will become the same-as the man from heaven, Jesus.

 Dear Christians, I tell you, flesh and blood cannot receive the kingdom of God. This body that dissolves can’t receive eternal life. But look! I will tell you a secret. We will not all die, but we will all be changed. In a second, the same-as blinking your eye, the last trumpet will announce. Then the dead people will arise to life that can’t die, and we will all be changed.

This is the word of the Lord.

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 This dissolving body must become a body that can’t dissolve. And this dead body must become a body that lives forever. After this dissolving body becomes a body that can’t dissolve, and this dead body becomes a living body, then the Bible’s saying will truly happen: “Victory defeated death. Death, where is your victory? Finished! Where is the pain of death? Finished!”

 The pain of death comes from sin, and the Law gives sin that power. But thank God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

 My Christian friends, continue strong in faith and let nothing change you. Always do the Lord’s work because you know your hard work for the Lord isn't wasted.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Luke chapter 6.

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

 Jesus told the people this story. “Can a blind man lead another blind man? No, because both will fall into a hole. A student is not over the teacher. But when the student learns everything, he will become the same-as the teacher.”

 “Why do you see the dust in your brother’s eye, but you don’t see the log in your own eye? You tell your brother, ‘Let me take the dust out of your eye.’ But you don’t see the log in your eye. You hypocrite! First take-out the log from your eye. Then you can see clearly to take-out the dust from your brother’s eye.”

 “A good tree will not grow bad fruit. And a bad tree will not grow good fruit. The fruit shows the tree is good or bad. You don’t pick figs from thorn bushes, and you don’t pick grapes from thorn bushes. A good person gives good things from all the good things kept in his heart, and an evil person gives evil things from all the evil things kept in his heart. The words you speak come-out from your heart.”

 “Why do you name Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ but you don’t obey My words? Every person coming to Me, listening to My words and obeying, is the same-as a man building a house. The man digs deep and builds the house on a strong rock. A flood came and hit the house. But the water can't move the house, because the house is built strong.”

 “But the person that hears My words and doesn't obey is the same-as a man building his house on the dirt. The flood came and hit the house. The house quickly fell and got destroyed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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