***Introit (Psalm 16)***

P: Bless the Holy Trinity! Bless the one true God!

**C: Give-Him glory because He shows mercy to us.**

P: The Lord is always in-front-of me.

**C: The Lord is near my right hand. I will not be afraid.**

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

**C: I live in safety.**

P: You, God will not leave my soul in hell.

**C: You will not let Your holy person die dissolve in death.**

P: You showed me the path for life.

**C: With You there is full joy. With You is 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 and eternal God, You give us grace to believe You are one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity. Make us faithful to always worship You, always announce You, our only God and our only Savior. We pray to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Proverbs chapter 8.

(SOLOMON wrote about wisdom, the same-as wisdom was talking.)

Wisdom calls-out. Knowledge and understanding speak. On the mountains, near the important roads, wisdom stands there. Wisdom stands near the city gates and doors. Wisdom calls-out, “I shout to you people, to all humans.”

Wisdom says, “In the beginning of His work, the Lord owned me, long-ago before He made anything else. Long-ago, the Lord gave-me my duty, before He made the earth.

Before God made the oceans, I was-born; before water springs began I was-born. Before God made the mountains and hills, I was-born, before He made the earth or fields or dirt.

Happened God made the skies, I was there; happened God made the earth round, I was there. Happened God established the sun, moon, and stars, and happened God made all the mighty seas, I was there.

Happened God limited the ocean and ordered the waters to stop; and happened God made all the rules for the earth, I was with God same-as a workman. Every day I was-pleased and happy. I was happy with the world God made, and I enjoyed the people God made.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Acts chapter 2.

PETER said, “All of you, pay attention! How do we know God sent Jesus? Because Jesus did wonderful works and amazing things. God did those things to show you He sent Jesus. You saw that. God planned that wicked people will judge, crucify, and kill Jesus. You killed Jesus on the cross. But God raised Jesus from death. Death can’t keep Jesus. That’s impossible.

DAVID spoke about Jesus. He said, ‘I saw the Lord always in-front-of me. The Lord is with me, supporting and protecting 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. “Dear Jews, you know King DAVID died and was buried. His grave is still here today. But DAVID was a prophet. God promised DAVID, one man in his family later will rule after DAVID. DAVID knew that. DAVID saw what will happen. That is why he talked about Christ rising from the grave. Jesus’ body didn’t dissolve in the grave. God raised Jesus alive, and all of us saw Him alive. Now, Jesus is glorified 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 didn’t go up into heaven. But DAVID said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit here, near 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 8.

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

The Jews said to Jesus, “We speak right, that You are a SAMARITAN and have a demon!”

Jesus said, “I don’t have a demon. I honor My Father, and you don’t honor Me. I don’t glorify Myself. The Father glorifies Me and He judges. I tell you the truth. If anyone obeys My word, he will never die.”

The Jews said, “Now we know You have a demon. ABRAHAM died. The prophets died. But You say, ‘If anyone obeys My word, he will never die.’ You aren’t greater than our father ABRAHAM, and he died! The prophets also died. Who do You think You are?”

Jesus said, “If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. My Father gives Me glory. You say He is your God, but you don’t know Him. I know Him. If I say I don’t know Him, then I am a liar the same-as you. But I do know Him, and I obey His word. Your father ABRAHAM knew My time was coming. He saw My life and he rejoiced.”

The Jews said, “You are not-yet 50 years old! You saw ABRAHAM?”

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth. Before ABRAHAM was born, I am.”

The Jews picked up stones to throw at Jesus. But Jesus hid Himself and left the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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