

THE HOLY EUCHARIST — 8:00 AM

Lesson 1

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(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

(A distinct pause is made at the asterisk in each verse)

**Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehovah; *
and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him,
to be his inheritance.**

The Lord looketh down from heaven,
and beholdeth all the children of men; *
from the habitation of his dwelling,
he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

**He fashioneth all the hearts of them, *
and understandeth all their works.**

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; *
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

**A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; *
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, *
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

**To deliver their soul from death, *
and to feed them in the time of dearth.**

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; *
for he is our help and our shield.

**For our heart shall rejoice in him; *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.**

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
like as we do put our trust in thee.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

(Pause)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

(Pause for congregational response)

Jesus said, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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(The congregation responds)

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