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First Reading Acts 11:1-18

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise God in the heights.

Praise the Lord all you angels; *
sing praises, all you heavenly host.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *
sing praises, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,

who made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

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young men and young women, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for this people *
and praise for all loyal servants,

the children of Israel, *
a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

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Deuxième Lecture Apocalypse 21:1-6

LECTURE DU LIVRE DE L'APOCALYPSE.

Alors je vis un nouveau ciel et une nouvelle terre. Le premier ciel et la première terre ont disparu, et il n'y a plus de mer. Et je vis la ville sainte, la nouvelle Jérusalem, qui descendait des cieux, envoyée par Dieu, prête comme une épouse qui s'est faite belle pour son mari. J'entendis une voix forte qui venait du trône et disait : « Voici, la demeure de Dieu est parmi les êtres humains ! Il demeurera avec eux et ils seront ses peuples. Dieu lui-même sera avec eux, il sera leur Dieu. Il essuiera toute larme de leurs yeux. Il n'y aura plus de mort, il n'y aura plus ni deuil, ni lamentations, ni douleur. En effet, les choses anciennes ont disparu. »

Alors celui qui siège sur le trône déclara : « Maintenant, je fais toutes choses nouvelles. » Puis il me dit : « Écris ceci, car mes paroles sont vraies et dignes de confiance. »

Et il ajouta : « C'en est fait ! Je suis l'alpha et l'oméga, le commencement et la fin. Celui qui a soif, je lui donnerai à boire gratuitement de la source d'eau de la vie.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse
Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

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Gospel John 13:31-35

God be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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