

HYMN: 245 “*We Have a Gospel to Proclaim*”

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

O Lord, You have given us Your Word for a light to shine upon our path;
inspire us so to meditate on that Word and to follow its teaching;
that we may find its light that shines more and more until the perfect day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Jerome 342-420)

BIBLE READINGS -

Mark 7:1-8 (Pages 997-998)

James 1:17-27 (Pages 1196-1197)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MESSAGE: “*Listen and Do What it Says*” Krikor Youmshajekian

HYMN: “*Be Ye Doers of the Word*”

OFFERING - “*Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God*”. (Acts 10:4)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: 560 “*All My Hope on God is Founded*”

BLESSING

Go from this place of worship
with eyes open to new beauty
with ears open to new sounds
with hands open to new needs
with minds open to new truth
with souls open to new spirit;
and may the Lord go with you.

And now the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen!**

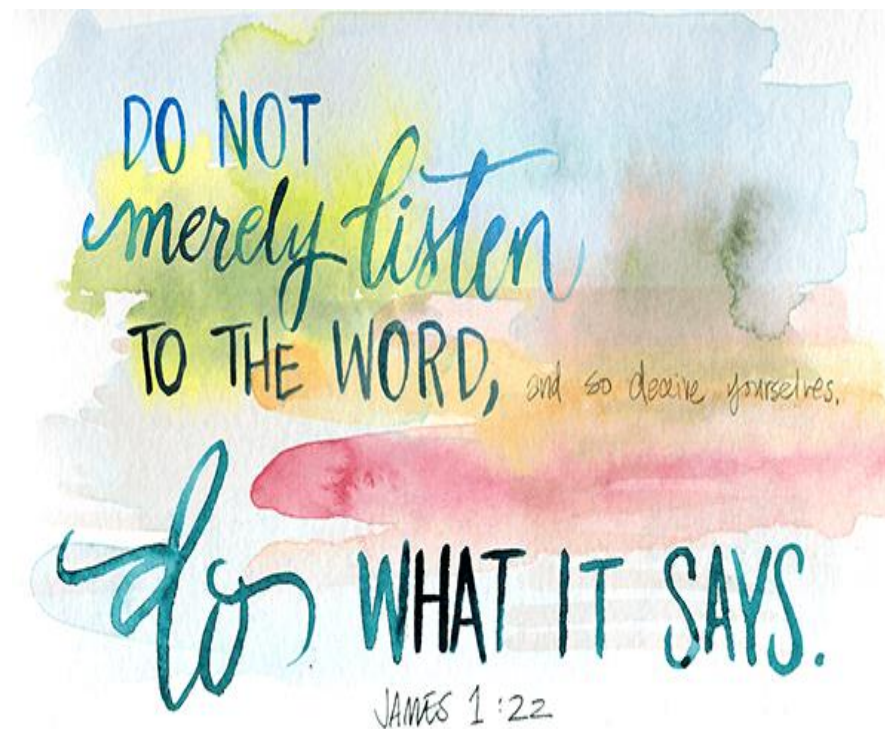
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgements he pronounced. *(Psalm 105:1-5)*

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. *(Psalm 95:6-7)*

HYMN: 445 “*Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet*”

MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, Yours is the day and Yours is the night; You have perfected the light and the sun; You have made all good things of the earth, and we ask You: cause Your rich mercies to rise on our lowliness, together with the daylight. Free us from the darkness and the shadow of death and from every evil thought and device of the devil. For Yours it is to have mercy and to save us, O God, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.* *(Basil of Caesarea c. 330-379)*

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, creator and redeemer, we praise You for Your work of creation; for the beauty of the world around us and for every gift we enjoy. We bless You for creating us to know You, love You and obey You. Most of all we thank You for Your amazing love in sending Your Son to restore Your world, to die for us and to give us life in all its fullness. Accept, O God, our praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: 216 “*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*”

RESPONSIVE READING

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have revealed Your continual love to humankind through the Bible.

We thank You, Lord, for the faithful service of those followers who wrote the original manuscripts of the Bible, directed by the Holy Spirit.

We thank You Lord, for the tireless efforts of those who copied the Holy Book by hand, verse by verse and page by page.

We thank You Lord, for the tedious labour of those who translated the words into different languages.

We thank You, Lord, for the scholarly devotion of those teachers who seek to interpret the biblical truths for our use in life today.

Grant that we may hear, read and learn these truths for our spiritual edification.

Help us to commit ourselves to study Your word that we may grow in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Redirect our lives that we may find the truth You intended for us to learn.

(Together) O Lord, grant that by the inspiration of Your holy word, we may find strength for living and eternal hope for dying; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

HYMN: 131 “*Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

From the ends of the earth I call to You,

I call as my heart grows faint;

lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For You have been my refuge,

a strong tower against the foe.

I long to dwell in Your tent forever

and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

For You have heard my vows, O God;

You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name. Amen.

Psalm 61:1-5

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to carry on the journey.