

First Lesson

Philippians 2:1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 36:5-10 *read in unison by all*

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John [15:9-17]

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.