

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the LORD: 'I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51

Refrain: *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

All: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

All: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

10 Turn your face from my sins ♦
and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.

All: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked ♦
and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, ♦
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

All: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.