

Today's Reading

Psalm 28

¹To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, do not refuse to hear me, for if you are silent to me, I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. ²Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. ³Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who are workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors, while mischief is in their hearts. ⁴Repay them according to their work, and according to the evil of their deeds; repay them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. ⁵Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, or the work of his hands, he will break them down and build them up no more. ⁶Blessed be the LORD, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings. ⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. ⁸The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. ⁹O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

“The Gospel of our Lord”

Response: ***Praise to you, O Christ***