

First Reading: Acts 17. 22-31.

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

29 “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

830am Service	10am Service
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. <b>All: Thanks be to God</b>	Reader: The Word of God <b>All: Thanks be to God</b>

Psalm 66. 7-18

7 In your might you rule for ever; your eyes keep watch over the nations;

**\* let no rebel rise up against you.**

8 Bless our God, you peoples;

**\* make the voice of God's praise to be heard;**

9 who holds our souls in life,

**\* and will not allow our feet to slip.**

10 For you, O God, have proved us;

**\* you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

11 You brought us into the snare;

**\* you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

12 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;

**\* but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

13 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

**\* and will pay you my vows,**

14 which I promised with my lips

**\* and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

15 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;

**\* I will give you oxen and goats.**

16 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
**\* and I will tell you what the Lord has done for me,**

17 The One to whom I called out with my mouth  
**\* and whose praise was on my tongue.**

18 If I had found evil in my heart,  
**\* the Lord would not have heard me;**

*Second Reading: 1 Peter 3. 13-22*

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, 16 yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. <b>All: Thanks be to God</b>	Reader: The Word of God <b>All: Thanks be to God</b>

*Gradual Hymn: CP # 458 Seek Ye First*

Gospel Reading: John 14. 15-21

*(Please stand as you are able).*

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in <b>All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord</b>	Reader: The Lord be with You <b>All: And also with you</b> Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to <b>All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ</b>

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: The Gospel of Christ <b>All: Praise be to thee, O Christ</b>	Reader: The Gospel of Christ <b>All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ</b>