

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 13 beginning at Verse 31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,^[a] 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when^[b] you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

[NRSV Luke 13.31–35]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prayer of the Day

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis,

Chapter 15 beginning at Verse 1

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"^[a] ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord^[b] reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

[NRSV Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18]

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.

10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.

11 Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

12 For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.

14 Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

15 Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and those who breathe out violence.

16 But I believe that I shall surely see
the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.

17 O wait for the Lord;
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians,
Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 17**

17 Brothers and sisters,^[a] join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship^[b] is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation^[c] that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,^[d] by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters,^[e] whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[NRSV Philippians 3.17–4.1]

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