### Scripture Reading – March 17, 2024

#### **PSALM READING**

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#### Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. <sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. <sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. <sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. <sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. <sup>14</sup>I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. <sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. <sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

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## John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 20 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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