

4. The Psalmody: Psalm 67

God be merciful to `us and bless us,/ And cause His face to `shine upon us.

That Your way may `be known on earth,/ Your salvation a`mong all nations.

Let the peoples `praise You, O God;/ Let all the `peoples praise You.

Oh, let the `nations be glad/ and `sing for joy!

For You shall judge the peo`ple righteously,/ And govern the `nations on earth.

Let the peoples `praise You, O God;/ Let all the `peoples praise You.

Then the earth shall `yield her increase;/ God, our own `God, shall bless us.

God `shall *bless* us,/ And all the ends of the `earth shall fear Him.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forever more. Amen.

5. The Lection with Responsory

The First Lesson - Joshua 1:1-15

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from [[a](#)]Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho."

So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and [[b](#)]lodged there. **2** And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

3 So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

4 Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they *were* from. **5** And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them." **6** (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) **7** Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, **9** and said to the men: "I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. **10** For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. **11** And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for

the Lord your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath. **12** Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me [c]a true token, **13** and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us. C: **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

The Second Lesson - Ephesians 2:11-13

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— **12** that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us. C: **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

The Third Lesson - Matthew 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. **19** Then Joseph her husband, being [f]a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. **20** But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is [g]conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name [h]Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us. C: **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

6. A Hymn: #

7. Sermon Text/Theme: Joshua 2:1-15, "Seeing Jesus in Joshua; Jesus Saves"