

## A reading from 1 Chronicles and Luke

### 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

- <sup>8</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>9</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
tell of all his wonderful works.
- <sup>10</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>11</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength,  
seek his presence continually.

### Luke 11:5-13

#### Perseverance in Prayer

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for<sup>[a]</sup> a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> to those who ask him!'

*"The Word of God for the people of God, thanks be to God." OR "Here ends the reading."*