

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2:10-13)

But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him. If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 43 (SAID TOGETHER)

¹ Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

² For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

³ Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

⁴ That I may go the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

⁵ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? Why are you so disquieted within me?

⁶ Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.