

### A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PSALM 78:1-7**    *Said by half verse*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \*

and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \*

and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*

there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*

but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*

make music to our God upon the harp.