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I will have mercy, and not sacrifice;
for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,
and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;**

to shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
and thy faithfulness every night,

**upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery;
upon the harp with a solemn sound.**

For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work;

I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O LORD, how great are thy works!

And thy thoughts are very deep.

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, world without end. Amen.

These are they which came out of great tribulation,

and have washed their robes, and made them white in the
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Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

The Gradual

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste!

Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

My heart is inditing a good matter;

my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

The Epistle

Ephesians 4:7-16

The Triple Alleluia and Verse

Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; and, lo, I am with
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