

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

«It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save»

A reading from the book of Lamentations 3: 17-26

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, All that I hoped for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness.

My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*