

Dear Scripture Reader: Please move to the lectern *during* the Children's Moment and begin the reading *while* the children are departing from the Children's Moment.

Note that for readings from the Gospels only, you will ask the congregation to rise for the reading (shown below when applicable).

Please rise for this reading from the Gospel

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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Gratitude for Mercy

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me^[a] with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,^[b] the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.^[c] Amen.

1 Timothy 3:15

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¹⁵ if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen **You may be seated.**