A reading from Deuteronomy

All Services

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord.

READING: Psalm 81 Early Service Only

"We will read the Psalm responsively."

LEADER: ¹Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

CONGREGATION: ²Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

L: ³Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

C: ⁴For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

L: ⁵He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:

C: ⁶"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

L: ⁷In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

C: ⁸Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

L: ⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

C: ¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.