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## A reading from Romans

## All Services

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**READING: Psalm 138**

**Early Service Only**

**“We will read the Psalm responsively.”**

**L: <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;**

C: <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

**L: <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.**

C: <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**L: <sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.**

C: <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**L: <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

C: <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.