



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*A Standing Ovation for God's Word*

*Between the second reading and the Gospel, we all rise to our feet and sing "ALLELUIA!" This ancient word is a*



*word of celebration. We cheer "hooray!" in our day. ALLELUIA is the ancient "hooray" and we stand and sing because we are awaiting the Good News (the Gospel) of Jesus.*

*Following the singing of the Alleluia, if the deacon is present, he proclaims the Gospel. Before the deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel, the presider prays this prayer, "May Almighty God be in your (my) lips so that you (I) may worthily proclaim the Gospel."*

*At the end of the Gospel reading, the Alleluia may also be sung. This takes place when the deacon may process with the Book of Gospels to a special book stand if one is erected in the sanctuary.*

*Traditionally when at a sporting event people jump to their feet and cheer. At the end of an excellent play or opera, the audience jumps to its feet to give a standing ovation to the players or singers. Our standing at the ALLELUIA is our standing ovation for God's Word.*



*Peace and love to all*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*