**September 16,**

**Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430: Mass**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 97: 1–6**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 97, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 726.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed times.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 97 as found in the service bulletin.

1 The Lord is King;

let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*

righteousness and justice are the foundations of

his throne.

3 A fire goes before him \*

and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; \*

the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of

the Lord, \*

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*

and all the peoples see his glory.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, \*

because he has anointed me

to preach good news to the poor.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

**The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after the resurrection, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.