**Parish Requiem: Mass IV**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not cast off for ever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 121**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 121, found in the red Prayer Book on page 779.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading from Psalm 121 as found in the service bulletin.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and

your coming in, \*

from this time forth for evermore.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* I am the resurrection and the life; \*

he who believes in me shall never die.

*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 John.

*People*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.