

YEAR 1, PROPER 5, SATURDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake

he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 103:1–9

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 103, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book on page 733.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
 and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
 and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The commandments of the Lord are
sure; *

they stand fast for ever and ever.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.

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.

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.