

## YEAR 1, PROPER 16, FRIDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the**

### **First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from unchastity; that each one of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God; that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we solemnly forewarned you. For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness.

Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

*Please turn the page to lead the appointed psalm.*

## Psalm 97:1–6

*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.)*

- 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 Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* I will bless the Lord at all times, \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

*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.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the

bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.