

YEAR 1, PROPER 23, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, whoever you are, when you judge another; for in passing judgment upon him you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who do such things. Do you suppose, O man, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume upon the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not know that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. For he will render to every man according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory

and honor and peace for every one who does good,
the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no
partiality.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 62:1–7

At Said Mass Reader the says

Please join me in reading Psalm 62, verses 1 through
79, found in the red Prayer Book on page 669.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 62 as found in the
service bulletin.

- 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from him comes my salvation.
- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly
shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail me to crush me,
all of you together, *
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

- 4 They seek only to bring me down from my place
of honor; *
lies are their chief delight.
- 5 They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse.
- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

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 Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Woe to you Pharisees! for you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! for you love the best seat in the synagogues and salutations in the market places. Woe to you! for you are like graves which are not seen, and men walk over them without knowing it.” One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying this you reproach us also.” And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! for you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.