

YEAR 1, PROPER 27, TUESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

For God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his party experience it. But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and

mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 34:15–22

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 34, verses 15 through 22, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 628.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
 and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do
 evil, *
 to root out the remembrance of them from the
 earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
 and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
 and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be
punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Be watchful and ready, *
for you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.

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, “Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.