

YEAR 1, PROPER 27, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. For in her there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent and pure and most subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Though she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the man who lives with wisdom. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every

constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:89–96

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 89 through 96, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 770.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; *
 it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to
 another; *
 you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, *
 for all things are your servants.

- 92 If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.
- 93 I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.
- 94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.
- 95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy
me, *
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
- 96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Acclamation.

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.

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.

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, Jesus answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, ‘Lo, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it. And they will

say to you, ‘Lo, there!’ or ‘Lo, here!’ Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.