

## ADVENT 2, SATURDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from Ecclesiasticus**

The prophet Elijah arose like a fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens, and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, O Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! And who has the right to boast which you have? You who raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High; who brought kings down to destruction, and famous men from their beds; who heard rebuke at Sinai and judgments of vengeance at Horeb; who anointed kings to inflict retribution, and prophets to succeed you. You who were taken up by a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with horses of fire; you who are ready at the appointed time, it is written, to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury, to turn the heart of the father to the son, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Blessed are those who saw you, and those who have been adorned in love; for we also shall surely live.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 80:1–7**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 80, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 702.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph  
like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned  
upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and  
Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall  
be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall  
be saved.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Prepare the way of the Lord, make his  
paths straight; \*

and all flesh shall see the salvation of  
our

God.

*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.

As Jesus, Peter, James and John were coming down the mountain after he had been transfigured, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead.” And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Eli'jah must come?” He replied, “Eli'jah does come, and he is to restore all things; but I tell you that Eli'jah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.