

## YEAR 2, PROPER 8, WEDNESDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Amos**

Thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: “Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 50:7–15**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 50, verses 7 through 15, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 654.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 50 as found in the service bulletin.

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

*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  
Matthew.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And when Jesus came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.