

YEAR 2, PROPER 10, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him, to take spoil and seize plunder, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. But he does not so intend, and his mind does not so think; but it is in his mind to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few; for he says: “By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding; I have removed the boundaries of peoples, and have plundered their treasures; like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones. My hand has found like a nest the wealth of the peoples; and as men gather eggs that have been forsaken so I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved a wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.” Shall the axe vaunt itself over him who hews with it, or the saw magnify itself against him who wields it? As if a rod should wield him who lifts it, or as if a staff should lift him who is not wood! Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts, will send wasting sickness among his stout warriors, and under

his glory a burning will be kindled, like the burning of fire.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 94:8–15

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 94, verses 5 through 15, found in the red Prayer Book on page 723.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 94 as found in the service bulletin.

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; *
 when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? *
 he that formed the eye, does he not see?

- 10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not
punish? *
he who teaches all the world, has he no
knowledge?
- 11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; *
how like a puff of wind they are.
- 12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! *
whom you teach out of your law;
- 13 To give them rest in evil days, *
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, *
nor will he forsake his own.
- 15 For judgment will again be just, *
and all the true of heart will follow it.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader How good it is to sing praises to our
God; *
how pleasant it is to honor him with
praise.

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.

Then Jesus began to upbraid the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chora'zin! woe to you, Bethsa'ida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Si'don, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell

you, it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Si'don than for you. And you, Caper'nam, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you." At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.