

YEAR 2, PROPER 11, WEDNESDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Hilki'ah

hil-KIGH-uh

An'athoth

AN-uh-thawth

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilki'ah, of the priests who were in An'athoth in the land of Benjamin. Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” Then the LORD put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over

kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 71:1–6

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 71, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 683.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 71 as found in the service bulletin.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
 let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me
 free; *
 incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
 you are my crag and my stronghold.

- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the
wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the
oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was
born;
from my mother's womb you have been my
strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion.

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.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.