

YEAR 2, PROPER 12, MONDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus said the LORD to me, “Go and buy a linen waistcloth, and put it on your loins, and do not dip it in water.” So I bought a waistcloth according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my loins. And the word of the LORD came to me a second time, “Take the waistcloth which you have bought, which is upon your loins, and arise, go to the Euphra'tes, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.” So I went, and hid it by the Euphra'tes, as the LORD commanded me. And after many days the LORD said to me, “Arise, go to the Euphra'tes, and take from there the waistcloth which I commanded you to hide there.” Then I went to the Euphra'tes, and dug, and I took the waistcloth from the place where I had hidden it. And behold, the waistcloth was spoiled; it was good for nothing. Then the word of the LORD came to me: “Thus says the LORD: Even so will I spoil the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be like this waistcloth, which

is good for nothing. For as the waistcloth clings to the loins of a man, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, says the LORD, that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory, but they would not listen.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 95:1–7

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 95, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 724.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with
 thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep
 of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; *
 You have the words of everlasting life.

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.

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds and his disciples, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.” All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.