

YEAR 2, PROPER 12, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Woe is me, my mother, that you bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me. So let it be, O LORD, if I have not entreated thee for their good, if I have not pleaded with thee on behalf of the enemy in the time of trouble and in the time of distress! Can one break iron, iron from the north, and bronze? “Your wealth and your treasures I will give as spoil, without price, for all your sins, throughout all your territory. I will make you serve your enemies in a land which you do not know, for in my anger a fire is kindled which shall burn for ever.” O LORD, thou knowest; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In thy forbearance take me not away; know that for thy sake I bear reproach. Thy words were found, and I ate them, and thy words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by thy name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of

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merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because thy hand was upon me, for thou hadst filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Wilt thou be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 59:1–5

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 59, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 665.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 59 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
 protect me from those who rise up against me.
- 2 Rescue me from evildoers *
 and save me from those who thirst for my blood.
- 3 See how they lie in wait for my life,
 how the mighty gather together against me; *
 not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.
- 4 Not because of any guilt of mine *
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5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; *
for you, LORD God of hosts, are Israel's God.

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.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is
like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and

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covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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