

YEAR 2, PROPER 12, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

“Arise, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. Then the word of the LORD came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? says the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will repent of the evil that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will repent of the good which I had intended to do to it.

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JEREMIAH 18:1–12*; PSALM 146:1–5; MATTHEW 13:47–53

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Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD, Behold, I am shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.’ But they say, ‘That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.’ ”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 146:1–5

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 146, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 803.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.

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- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of
earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,*
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for
their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that
is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever.

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.

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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, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Have you understood all this?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his

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treasure what is new and what is old.” And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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