

YEAR 2, PROPER 13, FRIDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Nahum

NAY-huhm

Nin'evah

NIN-uh-vuh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Nahum

Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings, who proclaims peace! Keep your feasts, O Judah, fulfil your vows, for never again shall the wicked come against you, he is utterly cut off. (For the LORD is restoring the majesty of Jacob as the majesty of Israel, for plunderers have stripped them and ruined their branches.) Woe to the bloody city, all full of lies and booty—no end to the plunder! The crack of whip, and rumble of wheel, galloping horse and bounding chariot! Horsemen charging, flashing sword and glittering spear, hosts of slain, heaps of corpses, dead bodies without end—they stumble over the bodies! I will throw filth at you and treat you with contempt, and make you a gazingstock. And all who look on you will shrink from you and say, Wasted is Nin'evah; who

will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for her?

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 124

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 124, found in the red Prayer Book on page 781.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.

- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their
teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the
fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.

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 told his disciples, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.