

## YEAR 2, PROPER 14, TUESDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

The glory of the LORD said to me: “You, son of man, hear what I say to you; be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth, and eat what I give you.” And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and, lo, a written scroll was in it; and he spread it before me; and it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. And he said to me, “Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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## Psalm 119:65–72

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 65 through 72, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 768.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your  
servant, \*  
according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, \*  
for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, \*  
but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, \*  
but I will keep your commandments with my  
whole heart.

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70 Their heart is gross and fat, \*  
but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, \*  
that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me \*  
than thousands in gold and silver.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

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## 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.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the man by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than with two hands or two

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feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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