

YEAR 2, PROPER 14, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The glory of the LORD cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, “Draw near, you executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand.” And lo, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, every man with his weapon for slaughter in his hand, and with them was a man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar. Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherubim on which it rested to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side. And the LORD said to him, “Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.” And to the others he said in my hearing, “Pass through the city after him, and smite; your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity; slay old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and

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women, but touch no one upon whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were before the house. Then he said to them, “Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go forth.” So they went forth, and smote in the city. And while they were smiting, and I was left alone, I fell upon my face and cried, “Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all that remains of Israel in the outpouring of thy wrath upon Jerusalem?” Then he said to me, “The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice; for they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see. As for me, my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity, but I will requite their deeds upon their heads.’” And lo, the man clothed in linen, with the writing case at his side, brought back word, saying, “I have done as thou didst command me.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 113

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 113, found in the red Prayer Book on page 756.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 113 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
 praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
 from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
 let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
 and his glory above the heavens.

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- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits
enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

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.

Jesus said to the disciples, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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