

YEAR 2, PROPER 15, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The LORD said to me: “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations will know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I

gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 51:8–13

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 51, verses 8 through 13, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 656.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
 and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
 and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
 and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Show me your ways, O Lord; *
lead me in your truth and teach me.

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.

And again Jesus spoke to the disciples in parables,
saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent
his servants to call those who were invited to the

marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.