

YEAR 2, PROPER 16, THURSDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Sos'thenes	SAHS-thuh-neeZ
Apol'los	uh-PAHL-uhs
Ce'phas	SEE-fuhs
Gai'us	GIGH-uhs
Steph'anas	STEF-uh-nuhs

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sos'thenes, To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony to

Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 145:1–7

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 145, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book on page 801.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.

- 2 Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to
another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your
majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous
acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great
goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

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.

Jesus said to his disciples privately, “Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with the drunken, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know,

and will punish him, and put him with the hypocrites;
there men will weep and gnash their teeth.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.