

YEAR 2, PROPER 16, FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 33:1–5

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 33, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 626.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the
trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

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, “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’
Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps.
And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise
replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and
for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for
yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in
with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut.
Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord,
lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I
do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.