

YEAR 2, PROPER 19, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned

like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 33:1-8

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 33, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 626.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 33 as found in the bulletin.

(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.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens
made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a
water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The commandments of the Lord are
sure; *

they stand fast for ever and ever.

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowds: "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market place and calling to one another, 'We piped to you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.' For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine; and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of man has come eating and drinking; and you

say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.