

YEAR 2, PROPER 21, TUESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Job

After all these things Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. And Job said: “Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night which said, ‘A man-child is conceived.’ Why did I not die at birth, come forth from the womb and expire? Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should suck? For then I should have lain down and been quiet; I should have slept; then I should have been at rest, with kings and counselors of the earth who rebuilt ruins for themselves, or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver. Or why was I not as a hidden untimely birth, as infants that never see the light? There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest. There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster. The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master. Why is light given to him that is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hid treasures; who rejoice exceedingly, and are

glad, when they find the grave? Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, whom God has hedged in?”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 88:1–8

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 88, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 712.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, *
 by day and night I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; *
 incline your ear to my lamentation.
- 3 For I am full of trouble; *
 my life is at the brink of the grave.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the
 Pit; *
 I have become like one who has no strength;
- 5 Lost among the dead, *
 like the slain who lie in the grave,

- 6 Whom you remember no more, *
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, *
in dark places, and in the abyss.
- 8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Give me understanding, O Lord, *
and I shall keep your law with all my
heart.

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.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him; but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.