

## YEAR 2, PROPER 21, FRIDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Job**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!” And the LORD said to Job: “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.” Then Job answered the LORD: “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer thee? I lay my hand on my mouth.

I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 139:1–9**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 139, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book on page 794.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1    LORD, you have searched me out and known me;\*  
      you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
      you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2    You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
      and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3    Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
      but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4    You press upon me behind and before \*  
      and lay your hand upon me.
- 5    Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
      it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

### **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.

Jesus said, “Woe to you, Chora'zin! woe to you, Bethsa'ida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Caper'na-um, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.