

YEAR 2, PROPER 23, MONDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Tell me, you who desire to be under law, do you not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married.” Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now. But what does the scripture say? “Cast out the slave and her son; for the son of the slave shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brethren, we are not children

of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 138

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 138, found in the red Prayer Book on page 793.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole
 heart; *
 before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
 and praise your Name, *
 because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
 and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
 you increased my strength within me.

- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O
LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the
lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep
me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of
my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

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 crowds were increasing, Jesus began to say,
“This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign,
but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of
Jonah. For as Jonah became a sign to the men of
Nin'evah, so will the Son of man be to this generation.
The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with
the men of this generation and condemn them; for she
came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom
of Solomon, and behold, something greater than

Solomon is here. The men of Nin'evah will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.