

YEAR 2, PROPER 23, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if any one thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each man will have to bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a

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good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 32:1-7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 32, verses 1 through 7,
found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 624.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 37 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are
forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no
guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered
away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

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- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and
night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of
summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach them.

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.

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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 Pharisees! for you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! for you love the best seat in the synagogues and salutations in the market places. Woe to you! for you are like graves which are not seen, and men walk over them without knowing it.” One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying this you reproach us also.” And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! for you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.