

YEAR 2, PROPER 25, TUESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the

church; however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 128

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 128, found in the red Prayer Book on page 783.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
 and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
 happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your
 house, *
 your children like olive shoots round about your
 table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD *
 shall thus indeed be blessed.

- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
 and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all
 the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
 may peace be upon Israel.

The Gospel Acclamation

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion.

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 therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain

of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.” And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.