

YEAR 2, PROPER 25, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in

opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 144:1–10

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 144, verses 1 through 10, found in the red Prayer Book on page 800.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! *
 who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to
 battle;
- 2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my
 deliverer, *
 my shield in whom I trust,
 who subdues the peoples under me.
- 3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for
 us? *
 mere mortals that you should think of us?

- 4 We are like a puff of wind; *
our days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; *
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; *
shoot out your arrows and rout them.
- 7 Stretch out your hand from on high; *
rescue me and deliver me from the great waters,
from the hand of foreign peoples,
- 8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully *
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.
- 9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; *
I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.
- 10 You give victory to kings *
and have rescued David your servant.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came, and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have

gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' ”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.