## Year 2, Proper 27, Saturday: Mass

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the Third Letter of John

Beloved, it is a loyal thing you do when you render any service to the brethren, especially to strangers, who have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey as befits God’s service. For they have set out for his sake and have accepted nothing from the heathen. So we ought to support such men, that we may be fellow workers in the truth.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 112**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 112, found in the red Prayer Book on page 755.

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

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*

 and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*

 the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*

 and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*

 the righteous are merciful and full of

compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*

 and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*

 the righteous will be kept in everlasting

remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*

 their heart is right;

 they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*

 until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*

 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

 they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;

they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*

 the desires of the wicked will perish.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**Verse Before the Gospel**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Be watchful and ready, \*

 for you know not when the Son of Man

is coming.

*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 told the disciples a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Vindicate me against my adversary.’ For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.