

## YEAR A, PROPER 8, SUNDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Ba'shan

BAY-shan

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty. The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the pride of men shall be humbled; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up and high; against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Ba'shan; against all the high mountains, and against all the lofty hills; against every high tower, and against every fortified wall; against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the beautiful craft. And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the pride of

men shall be brought low; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 89:1–8**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 89:1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 713.

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

- 1    Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
      from age to age my mouth will proclaim your  
      faithfulness.
- 2    For I am persuaded that your love is established  
      for ever; \*  
      you have set your faithfulness firmly in the  
      heavens.
- 3    “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
      I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4    ‘I will establish your line for ever, \*  
      and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”

- 5 The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O  
LORD, \*  
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the  
holy ones;
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the  
LORD? \*  
who is like the LORD among the gods?
- 7 God is much to be feared in the council of the  
holy ones, \*  
great and terrible to all those round about him.
- 8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts? \*  
O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all around  
you.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Do you not know that all of us who have been  
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his  
death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism  
into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in  
newness of life. For if we have been united with him

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ISAIAH 2:10–17; PSALM 89:1–8\* (SAID MASS), 89:1–4, 15–18 (SOLEMN MASS);

ROMANS 6:3–11; MATTHEW 10:34–42

in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader*            Alleluia.

*People*            Alleluia.

*Reader*            Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
                          and a light upon my path.

*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  
Matthew.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man’s foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is

a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

*The Minister says*          The Gospel of the Lord.