### YEAR C, PROPER 13, SUNDAY: MASS

# The First Lesson. The Reader begins **A Reading from Ecclesiastes**

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me; and who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a man who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun?

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For all his days are full of pain, and his work is a vexation; even in the night his mind does not rest. This also is vanity. *The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

### Psalm 49:1-7

The Reader says Please join me in reading Psalm 49, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 652. (The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- Hear this, all you peoples;
  hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*
  you of high degree and low, rich and poor
  together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \* and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \* and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

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- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \* when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \* and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \* or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \* that we should never have enough to pay it,

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## **For use with the Second Lesson** Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Scyth'ian

SITH-ee-uhn

# The Second Lesson. The Reader begins **A Reading from the**

#### Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness,

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lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

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### The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.		
Reader	Alleluia.	
People	Alleluia.	
Reader	Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; *	
	you have the words of everlasting life.	
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.

One of the multitude said to Jesus, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them

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a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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