

**SEPTEMBER 17, HILDEGARD,
ABBESS OF BINGEN AND MYSTIC, 1179: MASS**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Ecclesiasticus uh-KLEE-zee-AS-ti-kuhs

The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

The pride of the heavenly heights is the clear firmament, the appearance of heaven in a spectacle of glory. The sun, when it appears, making proclamation as it goes forth, is a marvelous instrument, the work of the Most High. He made the moon also, to serve in its season to mark the times and to be an everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for feast days, a light that wanes when it has reached the full. The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a gleaming array in the heights of the Lord. At the command of the Holy One they stand as ordered, they never relax in their watches. Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it, exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It

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encircles the heaven with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out. Though we speak much we cannot reach the end, and the sum of our words is: “He is the all.” Where shall we find strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 104: 25–32

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 104, verses 25 through 32, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 736.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 104 as found in the service bulletin.

25. O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

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26. Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
27. There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
28. All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
29. You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with
good things.
30. You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
31. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
32. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

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The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Happy are the pure in heart, *
for they shall see God.

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 John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the

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judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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