**October 4, Francis of Assisi: Mass**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 148: 7-14**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 148, verses 7 through 14, found in the red Prayer Book on page 806.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 148 as found in the service bulletin.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*

princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*

old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*

for his Name only is exalted,

his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants, \*

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**Verse Before the Gospel**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Blessed are the poor in spirit, \*

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*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.

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.