

**OCTOBER 26,
ALFRED THE GREAT,
KING OF THE WEST SAXONS, 899: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and boast of many nations. For your dominion was given you from the Lord, and your sovereignty from the Most High, who will search out your works and inquire into your plans. To you, then, O monarchs, my words are directed, that you may learn wisdom and not transgress. For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness, and those who have been taught them will find a defense. Therefore set your desire on my words; long for them, and you will be instructed. Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. A multitude of wise men is the salvation of the world, and a sensible king is the stability of his people. Therefore be instructed by my words, and you will profit.

The Reader concludes *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm 21:1–7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 21, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 608.

(The Reader repeats the above information several times.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 21 as found in the service bulletin.

(The Reader repeats the above information several times.)

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD; *
how greatly he exults in your victory!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his lips.
- 3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, *
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: *
length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 His honor is great, because of your victory; *
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon
him.

- 6 For you will give him everlasting felicity *
and will make him glad with the joy of your
presence.
- 7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD; *
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,
he will not fall.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader If anyone loves me, he will keep my
word, *
and my Father will love him.

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 said, “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Every one who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon rock; and when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But he who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation; against which the stream broke, and immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.