

PARISH REQUIEM: MASS II

At the Noonday Office, please use the reading for 4 Epiphany, Saturday, found on page 85, as marked.¹

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the

¹ J. Robert Wright, ed., *Readings for the Daily Office from the Early Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2000).

victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 42: 1–7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 42, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book on page 643.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading from Psalm 42 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living
God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence
of God?

- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *
how I went with the multitude and led them into
the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my
God.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I am the Resurrection and the Life,
says the Lord. *

Whoever lives and believes in me
shall never die.

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 to the people, "All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that

every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.