

**DECEMBER 31,
JOHN WYCLIF, PRIEST, 1384: MASS**

At the Noonday Office, please use the reading for 31 December in From the Fathers to the Churches, page 806.

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 33:4–11

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 33, verses 4 through 11, found in the red Prayer Book on page 626.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

The Reader at Sung Mass says

Please join me in reading Psalm 33 as found in the service bulletin.

- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens
made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a
water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to
naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Word became flesh and dwelt among
us, *
full of grace and truth.

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 Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown; when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word which is sown in them. And these in like manner are the ones sown upon rocky ground, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns; they are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other things, enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown upon the good soil are the ones who

hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold
and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.