

EASTER 2, FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

A Pharisee in the council named Gama'li-el, a teacher of the law, held in honor by all the people, stood up and ordered the apostles to be put outside for a while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you do with these men. For before these days Theu'das arose, giving himself out to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was slain and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean arose in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to

suffer dishonor for the name. And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 27:1–9

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 27, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 617.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear? *
 the LORD is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my
 flesh,*
 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
 stumbled and fell.

- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
 yet my heart shall not be afraid;

- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in
his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader You believe in me, because you have seen
me;*
blessed are those who have not seen and
yet believe.

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 went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee,
which is the Sea of Tiber'i-as. And a multitude
followed him, because they saw the signs which he did
on those who were diseased. Jesus went up on the
mountain, and there sat down with his disciples. Now
the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.
Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude

was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, “How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!” Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.