

## LENT 1, TUESDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Thus says the LORD: “Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 34:15–22**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 34, verses 15 through 22, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 628.

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

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do  
evil,\*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the  
earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*

and those who hate the righteous will be  
punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

*In Lent, there is no verse before the Gospel. The Reader says  
Please stand for the Gospel.*

*The Reader then 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.

Jesus said to the crowds, “In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us

this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.