

LENT 4, MONDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their children with them. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed

together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the LORD."

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 30:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 30, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 621.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
 because you have lifted me up *
 and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
 and you restored me to health.

- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
 you restored my life as I was going down to the
 grave.

- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
 give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an
eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

Verse before the Gospel

The Reader reads the appointed verse.

Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; *
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with
you.

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 John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the two days in Samaria, Jesus departed to
Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has

no honor in his own country. So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they too had gone to the feast. So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Caper'na-um there was an official whose son was ill. When he heard that Jesus had come from Jude'a to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was living. So he asked them the hour when he began to mend, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live"; and he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Jude'a to Galilee.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.