

## LENT 4, SATURDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then thou didst show me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” But, O LORD of hosts, who judgest righteously, who triest the heart and the mind, let me see thy vengeance upon them, for to thee have I committed my cause.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 7: 6–11**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 7, verses 6 through 11, found in the red Prayer Book on page 591.

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

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.

- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice;\*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High;\*  
O LORD, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O Lord, \*  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous  
God.
- 11 God is my shield and defense; \*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.

### **Verse before the Gospel**

*The Reader reads the appointed verse.*

Jesus said, “Hear the word, hold it fast in an  
honest and good heart, \*  
and bring forth fruit with patience.”

*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.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not

bring him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.