

## LENT 5, TUESDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

E'dom

EE-duhm

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from Numbers**

From Mount Hor the people of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of E'dom; and the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and

if a serpent bit any man, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

*The Reader concludes*                      The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 102:15–18**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 102, verses 15 through 18, found in the red Prayer Book on page 732.

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

- 15 The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, \*  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- 16 For the LORD will build up Zion, \*  
and his glory will appear.
- 17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the  
homeless; \*  
he will not despise their plea.
- 18 Let this be written for a future generation, \*  
so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD.

## Verse before the Gospel

*The Reader reads the appointed verse.*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only  
Son, \*  
that whoever believes in him should not  
perish but have eternal life.

*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.

Again Jesus said to the Jews, “I go away, and you will seek me and die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” Then said the Jews, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’” He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.” They said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to

them, “Even what I have told you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge; but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” They did not understand that he spoke to them of the Father. So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority but speak thus as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.” As he spoke thus, many believed in him.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.