

YEAR 1, PROPER 23, FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness. So also David pronounces a blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not reckon his sin.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 32:1–7

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 32, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 624.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are
forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no
guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered
away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and
night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of
summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD.”*
then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach them.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the meantime, when so many thousands of the multitude had gathered together that they trod upon one another, Jesus began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear him!”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.