

YEAR 1, PROPER 27, FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

For all men who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature; and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know him who exists, nor did they recognize the craftsman while paying heed to his works; but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air, or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water, or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world. If through delight in the beauty of these things men assumed them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Lord, for the author of beauty created them. And if men were amazed at their power and working, let them perceive from them how much more powerful is he who formed them. For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator. Yet these men are little to be blamed, for perhaps they go astray while seeking God and desiring to find him. For as they live among his works they keep searching, and they trust in what they see, because the things that are seen are beautiful. Yet again, not even they are to be excused; for if they had

the power to know so much that they could investigate the world, how did they fail to find sooner the Lord of these things?

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 19:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 19, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 606.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.

- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.

- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.

- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Be watchful and ready, *
for you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.

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.

Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot—they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and

destroyed them all—so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife.

Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left.” And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.