

ADVENT 1, FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. For the ruthless shall come to nought and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who err in spirit will

come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 27:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 27, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 617.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear? *
 the LORD is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my
 flesh, *
 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
 stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
 yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
 yet will I put my trust in him.

- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

The Reader says
Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

<i>Reader</i>	Alleluia.
<i>People</i>	Alleluia.
<i>Reader</i>	Show us your mercy, O Lord, * and grant us your salvation.
<i>People</i>	Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

The Holy Gospel

The Minister says

People

Minister

People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus passed on from Capernaum, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.