

YEAR B, ADVENT 2, TUESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Amos

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light; as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 50:7–15

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 50, verses 7 through 15, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 654.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight; *
and all flesh shall see the salvation of
our

God.

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
Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.