

YEAR 2, PROPER 16, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is living in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, we did not eat any one's bread without paying, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you. It was not because we have not that right, but to give you in our conduct an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: If any one will not work, let him not eat.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 128

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 128 found in the red Prayer Book on page 783.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 128 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your
house,*
your children like olive shoots round about your
table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.

- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all
the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

The Reader says
Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

People 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.

Jesus said, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ Thus you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.