## Year 2, Proper 26, Friday: Mass

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the

## Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 122**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 122, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 779.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

2 Now our feet are standing \*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*

that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord, \*

the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*

the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

“May they prosper who love you.

7. Peace be within your walls \*

and quietness within your towers.

8. For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*

I pray for your prosperity.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*

I will seek to do you good.”

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**Verse Before the Gospel**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader*  Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; \*

you have the words of everlasting life.

*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 to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.