

## YEAR B, PROPER 26: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people: “Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it; that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign

upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

*The Reader concludes*                      The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 119:1–8**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 763.

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

- 1     Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
      who walk in the law of the LORD!
  
- 2     Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
      and seek him with all their hearts!
  
- 3     Who never do any wrong, \*  
      but always walk in his ways.
  
- 4     You laid down your commandments, \*  
      that we should fully keep them.
  
- 5     Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
      that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.

*[Pronunciation note for verse 7: un-FAYND]*

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up

himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

*The Reader concludes*            The Word of the Lord.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*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 Mark.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And one of the scribes came up and heard the Sad'ducees disputing, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question.

*The Minister says*      The Gospel of the Lord.