

## MARCH 19, SAINT JOSEPH: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel**

The word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

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When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men; but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.””

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 89

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 89,  
verses 1-29 [or verses 1-4 and 26-29], found in the red  
Prayer Book beginning on page 713.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your  
faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established  
for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the  
heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- 5 The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O  
Lord, \*  
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the  
holy ones;
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the  
Lord? \*  
who is like the Lord among the gods?

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- 7 God is much to be feared in the council of the  
holy ones, \*  
great and terrible to all those round about him.
- 8 Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? \*  
O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around  
you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea \*  
and still the surging of its waves.
- 10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a  
deadly wound; \*  
you have scattered your enemies with your  
mighty arm.
- 11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; \*  
you laid the foundations of the world and all  
that is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south; \*  
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm; \*  
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of  
your throne; \*  
love and truth go before your face.
- 15 Happy are the people who know the  
festal shout! \*  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your  
presence.

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- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your  
faithful people: \*  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- 27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.

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28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven.”

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants -- not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he

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should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.”

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### Verse before the Gospel

*All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Happy are they who dwell in your house;\*  
They will always be praising you.

*People* Alleluia.

### 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' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him.

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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” And he said to them, “How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.