

## 10 SEPTEMBER – ALEXANDER CRUMMELL: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Ben Sira**

<sup>6</sup> If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. <sup>7</sup> He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. <sup>8</sup> He will reveal instruction in his teaching, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. <sup>9</sup> Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted out; his memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. <sup>10</sup> Nations will declare his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise; <sup>11</sup> if he lives long, he will leave a name greater than a thousand, and if he goes to rest, it is enough for him.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 122

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 19, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 607.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

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*Verse before the Gospel*

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

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

*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 Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky

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ground, where it had not much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil; <sup>6</sup> and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those who were about him with the twelve asked him concerning the parables. <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown; when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word which is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these in like manner are the ones sown upon rocky ground, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; <sup>17</sup> and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word,

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immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns; they are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other things, enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown upon the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.