

SEPTEMBER 14, HOLY CROSS DAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed, all who were incensed against him. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 98

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 98 found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 727.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

1. Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
3. The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.

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5. Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the
LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Verse Before the Gospel

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you; *
because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.

People Alleluia.

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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 John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show by what death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said this, he departed and hid himself from them.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.