

## YEAR C, LENT 5, SUNDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,<sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:<sup>18</sup> “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.<sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 126**

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 126, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 782.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

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- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- <sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- <sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their  
sheaves.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of

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Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, <sup>6</sup> as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Verse before the Gospel

*All stand as the reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

### 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.

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Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

*The Minister says*      The Gospel of the Lord.