

## **HOLY WEEK, WEDNESDAY: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 69: 7-15, 22-23

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 69, verses 7 through 15 and 22 through 23, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 679.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

7. Let not those who hope in you be put to shame  
through me, Lord GOD of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because  
of me, O God of Israel.
8. Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
9. I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.
10. Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen  
upon me.
11. I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
12. I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.

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13. Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
14. But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:
15. “In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.”
22. Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be  
healed; \*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
for comforters, but I could find no one.
23. They gave me gall to eat, \*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar  
to drink.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy

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Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. For Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

### 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.

When Jesus had spoken, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying close to the breast of Jesus; so Simon Peter beckoned to him and said, “Tell us who it is of whom he speaks.” So lying thus, close to the breast of Jesus, he said to him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I shall give this morsel when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the money box, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast”; or, that he should give

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something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel, he immediately went out; and it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.