**August 10,**

**Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258: Mass**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the

##  Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 126**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

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

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 126 as found in the service bulletin.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*

 then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*

 and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, \*

 “The Lord has done great things for them.”

4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*

 and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*

 like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears \*

 will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*

 will come again with joy, shouldering their

sheaves.

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Blessed are those who endure trials, \*

 for when they have stood the test,

 they will receive the crown of life.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

**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.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.