## November 20, Edmund: Mass

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Even if you do suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God’s will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 21: 1-7**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 21, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 608.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 21 found in the bulletin.

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; \*

how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart’s desire; \*

you have not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, \*

and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: \*

length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your victory; \*

splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon

him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity \*

and will make him glad with the joy of your

presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the Lord; \*

because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,

he will not fall.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Blessed are the pure in heart, \*

for they shall see God.

*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 Matthew.

*People*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.