

DECEMBER 17: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Genesis

Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page to lead the appointed psalm.

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GENESIS 49:2, 8–10; PSALM 72:1–8; MATTHEW 1:1–17*

WE INCLUDE MATTHEW 1:8–16 TO HEAR ALL OF THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST.

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Psalm 72:1–8

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 72, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 685.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 72 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

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- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon
endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown
field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

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The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, *
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

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.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the

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father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Per'ez and Zē'rah by Tā'mar, and Per'ez the father of Hez'ron, and Hez'ron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nah'shon, and Nah'shon the father of Sal'mon, and Sal'mon the father of Bo'az by Rāhab, and Bo'az the father of O'bed by Ruth, and O'bed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Urī'ah, and Solomon the father of Rēhobo'am, and Rēhobo'am the father of Abī'jah, and Abī'jah the father of Ā'sa, and Ā'sa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Jō'ram, and Jō'ram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jō'tham, and Jō'tham the father of Ā'haz, and Ā'haz the father of Hezekī'ah, and Hezekī'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Jōsi'ah, and Jōsi'ah the father of Jechonī'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechonī'ah was the father of She-al'ti-el, and She-al'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abī'hüd, and Abī'hüd the father of Elī'akim, and

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Elī'akim the father of Ā'zor, and Ā'zor the father of Zā'dok, and Zā'dok the father of Ā'chim, and Ā'chim the father of Elī'hüd, and Elī'hüd the father of Elēā'zar, and Elēā'zar the father of Mat'than, and Mat'than the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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