

ADVENT 1, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
“We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls
and bulwarks. Open the gates, that the righteous
nation which keeps faith may enter in. Thou dost keep
him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee,
because he trusts in thee. Trust in the LORD for ever,
for the LORD God is an everlasting rock. For he has
brought low the inhabitants of the height, the lofty
city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to
the dust. The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the
steps of the needy.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page to lead the appointed psalm.

Psalm 118:19–24

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 118, verses 19 through 24, found in the red Prayer Book on page 762.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.

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 the crowds and to his disciples, “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you

evildoers.’ Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.