

YEARS A & C, ADVENT 2, TUESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD

comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 96:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 96, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 725.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation
 from day to day.

- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.

- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight; *
and all flesh shall see the salvation of
our God.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.

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 to his disciples, “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.