

## YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 7, WEDNESDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of James**

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and get gain”; whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## Psalm 49:1–8

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 49, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 652.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 49 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples,  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor  
together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels  
surrounds me,

- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in  
their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever \*  
and never see the grave.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* The commandments of the Lord  
are sure; \*  
they stand fast for ever and ever.

*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 Mark.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.”

*The Minister says*      The Gospel of the Lord.