

JANUARY 28,

THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND FRIAR, 1274: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth. I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them; but I did not know that she was their mother. I learned without guile and I impart without grudging; I do not hide her wealth, for it is an unfailing treasure for men; those who get it obtain friendship with God, commended for the gifts that come from instruction.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 119: 97–104

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 97 through 104, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 771.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119 found in the bulletin.

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my
enemies, *
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
101. I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain
understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Let your light so shine before men and
women, *
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in
heaven.

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 kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Have you understood all this?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.