

**FEBRUARY 5,
THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN, 1597: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Galatians**

For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 116: 1–8

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 116, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 759.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 116 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice
of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I
called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

Before the Season of Lent begins:

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

In Lent:

There is no verse before the Gospel. The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

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 Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.