

**MARCH 18,
CYRIL, BISHOP OF JERUSALEM, 386: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

In all that he did he gave thanks to the Holy One, the Most High, with ascriptions of glory; he sang praise with all his heart, and he loved his Maker. He placed singers before the altar, to make sweet melody with their voices. He gave beauty to the feasts and arranged their times throughout the year, while they praised God's holy name, and the sanctuary resounded from early morning.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 122

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 122 found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 779.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 122 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

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 Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then, standing among his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be

preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.