

**MAY 20, ALCUIN,
DEACON, AND ABBOT OF TOURS, 804: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

He who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High will seek out the wisdom of all the ancients, and will be concerned with prophecies; he will preserve the discourse of notable men and penetrate the subtleties of parables; he will seek out the hidden meanings of proverbs and be at home with the obscurities of parables. He will serve among great men and appear before rulers; he will travel through the lands of foreign nations, for he tests the good and the evil among men. He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and will make supplication before the Most High; he will open his mouth in prayer and make supplication for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. He will direct his counsel and knowledge aright, and meditate on his secrets. He will reveal instruction in his teaching, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding, and it will never be blotted

out; his memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 37: 1–7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 37, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book on page 633.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 37 found in the bulletin.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
 do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
 and like the green grass fade away.

- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
 and he shall give you your heart's desire.

- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust
in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the
light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader How happy are they who dwell
in your house, O LORD, *
continually they shall sing your praise!

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 to his disciples, “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.