May 25, Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735: Mass

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

May God grant that I speak with judgment and have thoughts worthy of what I have received, for he is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as are all understanding and skill in crafts. For it is he who gave me unerring knowledge of what exists, to know the structure of the world and the activity of the elements; the beginning and end and middle of times, the alternations of the solstices and the changes of the seasons, the cycles of the year and the constellations of the stars, the natures of animals and the tempers of wild beasts, the powers of spirits and the reasonings of men, the varieties of plants and the virtues of roots; I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 7:15–22, Psalm 78:1–8, Matthew 13:47–52
Psalm 78: 1–8

At Said Mass the Reader says
Please join me in reading Psalm 78, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 694. (The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says
Please join me in reading Psalm 78 found in the bulletin.

1. Hear my teaching, O my people; *
   incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2. I will open my mouth in a parable; *
   I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3. That which we have heard and known,
   and what our forefathers have told us, *
   we will not hide from their children.

4. We will recount to generations to come
   the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the
   Lord, *
   and the wonderful works he has done.

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He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, *
a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.
The Gospel Acclamation

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

**Reader** Alleluia.

**People** Alleluia.

**Reader** You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”, *

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**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

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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.