

## JULY 25, SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Bar'uch

BAR-uk

Neri'ah

ni-RIGH-uh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah**

The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Bar'uch the son of Neri'ah, when he wrote these words in a book at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoi'akim the son of Josi'ah, king of Judah: “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Bar'uch: You said, ‘Woe is me! for the LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.’ Thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD: Behold, what I have built I am breaking down, and what I have planted I am plucking up—that is, the whole land. And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not; for, behold, I am bringing evil upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 7: 1–10**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 7, verses 1 through 10, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 590.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 7 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my  
enemy;
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.

- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round  
you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O LORD, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O LORD, \*  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous  
God.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Now in these days prophets came down from  
Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named  
Ag'abus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there  
would be a great famine over all the world; and this

took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. About that time Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

*The Reader concludes*   The Word of the Lord.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader*           Alleluia.

*People*           Alleluia.

*Reader*           We praise you, God; we acclaim you as  
  Lord; \*

  the glorious company of apostles praise  
  you.

*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.

The mother of the sons of Zeb'edee came up to Jesus, with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Command that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you

must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*The Minister says*      The Gospel of the Lord.