

**AUGUST 11,  
CLARE, ABBESS AT ASSISI, 1254: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Song of Solomon**

My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 63: 1–8**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 63, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 670.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 63 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no  
water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy  
place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will  
rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Blessed are the poor in spirit, \*  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*People* Alleluia.

## 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.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.”

*The Minister says*           The Gospel of the Lord.