

**AUGUST 25,
LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE, 1270: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 21: 1–7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 21, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 608.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 21 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD; *
how greatly he exults in your victory!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his lips.
- 3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, *
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: *
length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 His honor is great, because of your victory; *
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon
him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity *
and will make him glad with the joy of your
presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD; *
because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High,
he will not fall.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Happy are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness; *
they shall be satisfied.

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that

you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.