

**SEPTEMBER 9,  
CONSTANCE AND HER COMPANIONS, 1878: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the**

**Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 116: 1–8**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 116, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book on page 759.

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

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 116 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice  
of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I  
called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Blessed be the Father of mercies, \*  
who comforts us in all our afflictions.

*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 John.

*People*                       Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say?

‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

*The Minister says*           The Gospel of the Lord.