

**MARCH 31,
JOHN DONNE, PRIEST, 1631: *
MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Though she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the man who lives with wisdom. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She

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reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 27:5–11

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 27, verses 5 through 11, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 617.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 27 found in the bulletin.

5. One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

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7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
10. Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Verse before the Gospel

The Reader reads the appointed verse.

Jesus said, “Follow me, *
and I will make you become fishers of
women and men.”

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The Reader then 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 to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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