

APRIL 2,
JAMES LLOYD BRECK, PRIEST, 1876: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

When one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely men? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 98:1–4

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 98, verses 1 through 4, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 727.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 98 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.
People Alleluia.
Reader Go and make disciples of all nations; *
 I am with you always, to the close of the
 age.
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 Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or

what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.