

MAY 1, SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 119:33–40

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 33 through 40, found in the red Prayer Book on page 766.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119 as found in the service.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding,
and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your
commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

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- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord; *
whoever has seen me has seen the
Father.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

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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.

At the supper before the passover, Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because

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I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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