

**MAY 15, PACHOMIUS OF TABENISSI, MONASTIC,
348: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to
Timothy**

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page and lead the appointed Psalm.

Psalm 16

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 16, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 599.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 16 as found in the bulletin.

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”
2. All my delight is upon the godly that are
in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
3. But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
4. Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5. O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
7. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit
rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
10. For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11. You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore.

Please turn the page and lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.
People Alleluia.
Reader I am the vine; you are the branches; *
 those who abide in me bear much fruit.
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
Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither

sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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 of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.