

**JUNE 16, JOSEPH BUTLER,  
BISHOP OF DURHAM, JUNE 16, 1752: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon**

I also am mortal, like all men, a descendant of the first-formed child of earth; and in the womb of a mother I was molded into flesh, within the period of ten months, compacted with blood, from the seed of a man and the pleasure of marriage. And when I was born, I began to breathe the common air, and fell upon the kindred earth, and my first sound was a cry, like that of all. I was nursed with care in swaddling cloths. For no king has had a different beginning of existence; there is for all mankind one entrance into life, and a common departure. Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her

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radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth. I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them; but I did not know that she was their mother. I learned without guile and I impart without grudging; I do not hide her wealth, for it is an unfailing treasure for men; those who get it obtain friendship with God, commended for the gifts that come from instruction.  
*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 119: 89–96**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 89 through 96, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 770.

*(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 bulletin.

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

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- 90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to  
another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.
- 91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.
- 92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.
- 93 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.
- 94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.
- 95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy  
me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
- 96 I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

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## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Jesus said to them, “Follow me \*  
and I will make you fishers of people.”

*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 Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to

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him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.”

*The Minister says*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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