

**OCTOBER 29,  
JAMES HANNINGTON,  
BISHOP OF EASTERN EQUATORIAL AFRICA, AND  
HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, 1885: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter**

Even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

*Please turn the page to lead the appointed psalm.*

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1 PETER 3:14–18, 22; PSALM 124; MATTHEW 10:16–22

## Psalm 124

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 124 found in the red Prayer Book on page 781.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 124 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their  
teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the  
fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Happy are those who are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake \*  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

*Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.*

## 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, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.”

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.