

**NOVEMBER 21,
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

The Reader concludes *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm 3

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 3, found in the red Prayer Book on page 587.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 3 as found in the service bulletin.

1. LORD, how many adversaries I have! *
how many there are who rise up against me!
2. How many there are who say of me, *
“There is no help for him in his God.”
3. But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; *
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.
4. I call aloud upon the LORD, *
and he answers me from his holy hill;
5. I lie down and go to sleep; *
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6. I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around.
7. Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies
across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.
8. Deliverance belongs to the LORD. *
Your blessing be upon your people!

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader God loved us, and sent his Son *
as an expiation for our sins.

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 Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." Later, after teaching his disciples to pray and casting out a demon, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Jesus, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.