

**DECEMBER 6,
NICHOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA, C. 342: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 78: 1–8

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 78, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 694.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 78 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the
LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their
children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their
children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;
- 8 And not be like their forefathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation, *
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader If anyone loves me, he will keep my
word, *
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our
home with him.

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 Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

They were bringing children to Jesus, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a

child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.