

## EASTER 3, TUESDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Stephen said to the council, “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against

them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting to his death.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 31:1–5**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 31, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 622.

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

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
  
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
  
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide  
me.
  
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set  
for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

5. Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* I am the bread of life; he who comes to  
me shall not hunger, \*  
and he who believes in me shall never  
thirst.

*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 John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The people said to Jesus, “Then what sign do you do,  
that we may see, and believe you? What work do you

perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.