

FIRST READING

Instruction: This is the first reading. Approach altar after the Opening Prayer when all people sit down.

A Reading from the book of Job

Then Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

And that he will at last stand forth upon the dust:/

Whom I myself shall see:

My own eyes, not another's shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

The Word of the Lord

(Job 19: 1, 23-27a)