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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 119:97-104

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 97 through 104, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 771.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- ⁹⁸ Your commandment has made me wiser than my
enemies, *
and it is always with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- ¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
- ¹⁰¹ I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
- ¹⁰² I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

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¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments I gain
understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

Verse before the Gospel

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader We impart a secret and hidden wisdom of
God, *
which God decreed before the ages for
our glorification.

People Alleluia.

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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.

Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you, every one who acknowledges me before men, the Son of man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; ⁹ but he who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And every one who speaks a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you are to answer or what you are to say; ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.