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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of Esdras

I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude, which I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. Then I asked an angel, “Who are these, my lord?” He answered and said to me, “These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and they have confessed the name of God; now they are being crowned, and receive palms.” Then I said to the angel, “Who is that young man who places crowns on them and puts palms in their hands?” He answered and said to me, “He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world.” So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said to me, “Go, tell my people how great and many are the wonders of the Lord God which you have seen.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 110:1-4

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 110, verses 1 through 4, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 753.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ¹ The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, *
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- ² The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of
Zion, *
saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.
- ³ Princely state has been yours from the day of your
birth; *
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,
like dew from the womb of the morning.”
- ⁴ The Lord has sworn and he will not recant: *
“You are a priest for ever after the order of
Melchizedek.”

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Verse before the Gospel

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Precious in the sight of the Lord,
is the death of his servants.

People Alleluia.

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 Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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Jesus said to his disciples, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.