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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth;²⁷ but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong,²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption;³¹ therefore, as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 138

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 138, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 793.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my
whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

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- ⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you
keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury
of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- ⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Verse before the Gospel

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

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, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.