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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition.³ For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile;⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts.⁵ For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness;⁶ nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.⁹ For you remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God.¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our behavior to you

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believers; ¹¹ for you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you ¹² to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 96:1-7

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 96, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 725.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day
to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

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5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *

but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

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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 Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.