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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distil as the dew, as the gentle rain upon the tender grass, and as the showers upon the herb. <sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Ascribe greatness to our God! <sup>4</sup> The Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is he.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 119:89-96**

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 89, verses 89 through 96, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 770.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

<sup>89</sup> O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

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<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness remains from one generation to  
another; \*

you established the earth, and it abides.

<sup>91</sup> By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

<sup>92</sup> If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

<sup>94</sup> I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

<sup>95</sup> Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy  
me, \*

I will apply my mind to your decrees.

<sup>96</sup> I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have been brought near in the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For  
he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has

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broken down the dividing wall of hostility,<sup>15</sup> by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,<sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;<sup>18</sup> for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;<sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Verse before the Gospel

*All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord: \*  
the glorious company of apostles praise you.

*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 John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>17</sup> “This I command you, to love one another. <sup>18</sup> If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than

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his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> It is to fulfil the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’ <sup>26</sup> But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; <sup>27</sup> and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.