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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 65:9-14

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 65, verses 9 through 14, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 673.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- <sup>10</sup> You prepare the grain, \*  
For so you provide for the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its  
increase.
- <sup>12</sup> You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- <sup>13</sup> May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- <sup>14</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

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*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although your

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bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

*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* Open my eyes, O Lord, \*  
that I may see the wonders of your law.

*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.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>

And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth

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of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. <sup>7</sup>

Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: ‘You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their

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heart, and turn for me to heal them.’ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.