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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant --⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 67

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 67, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 675.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come
to us.
- ² Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- ⁷ May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of
him.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy.

³² For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.

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 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
Praise your God, O Zion.

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.

¹⁰ Jesus called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹ not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they

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are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”¹⁶ And he said, “Are you also still without understanding?¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and so passes on?¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man.¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.²⁰ These are what defile a man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.”²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to

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the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸

Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.