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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
² He dugged it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 80:7-14

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 80, verses 7 through 14, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 703.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

¹² Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

^{4b} If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, ⁶ as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Verse before the Gospel

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

People Alleluia.

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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.

Jesus said, “Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country.³⁴ When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit;³⁵ and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them.³⁷ Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’³⁹ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants

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who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.”⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.