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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus

And the LORD said to Moses, ² “Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy.

³ Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God. ⁵ When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.

⁶ It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, or on the morrow; and anything left over until the third day shall be burned with fire. ⁷ If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be accepted, ⁸ and every one who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned a holy thing of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people. ⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the

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poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵ You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand forth against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbor, lest you bear sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 1

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 1, found in the Prayer Book beginning on page 585.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the **wicked**, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the **scornful**!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the **LORD**, *
and they meditate on his law day and **night**.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither; *
everything they do shall **prosper**.
- ⁴ It is not so with the **wicked**; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows **away**.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment **comes**, *
nor the sinner in the council of the **righteous**.
- ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the **righteous**, *
but the way of the wicked is **doomed**.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the wherever Thessalonians

¹ For you yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain; ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, 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.

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 The commandments of the Lord are sure;
they stand fast for ever and ever.

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.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it, You shall

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love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet”? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.