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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

<sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.”

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...<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them:  
“Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep  
and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and  
shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns,  
till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will save my  
flock, they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge  
between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over  
them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall  
feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>  
And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant  
David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have  
spoken.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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**Psalm 95**

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 95, verses 1 through 7,  
found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 724.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might<sup>20</sup> which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come;<sup>22</sup> and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over

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all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the  
fulness of him who fills all in all.

*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*            Blessed is the kingdom of our father  
David that is coming;\*  
blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.

*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.

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Jesus said, <sup>31</sup> “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand,

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‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.