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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, “Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; hold your peace.” ⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; hold your peace.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you

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yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 50:1-6

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 50, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 654.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ¹ The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun
to its setting.
- ² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- ³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- ⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- ⁵ “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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 This is my Son, my Beloved, *
with whom I am well pleased.

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 Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

² After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, ³ and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for

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you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid.⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”⁸ And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only.⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.