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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³

Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him.⁴ And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;⁶ but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.⁸ Saul arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”¹¹ And the Lord said to him,

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“Rise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon thy name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized,¹⁹ and took food and was strengthened. For several days he was with the disciples at Damascus.²⁰ And in the

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synagogues immediately he proclaimed Jesus, saying,
“He is the Son of God.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 30

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 30, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 621.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ¹ I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the
grave.
- ⁴ Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

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5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong
as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to
the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your
faithfulness?

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- ¹¹ Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper.”
- ¹² You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me
with joy.
- ¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Revelation to John

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, “To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Verse before the Gospel

The reader begins.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Pause while the people stand, then continue

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Christ being raised from the dead will
never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

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 John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. ²

Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said

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to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea.⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread.¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”¹⁶ A second time he

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said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.”¹⁹ (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.