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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here am I.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring

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them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

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and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 63:1-8

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 63, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 670.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no
water.
- ² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy
place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- ³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

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- ⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
⁶ When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
⁷ For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will
rejoice.
⁸ My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same supernatural food ⁴ and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some

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of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to dance.”⁸ We must not indulge in immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.⁹ We must not put the Lord to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents;¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.¹¹ Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come.¹² Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Verse before the Gospel

All stand as the reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

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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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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There were some who told Jesus of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus?³ I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.⁴ Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem?⁵ I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?’⁸ And he answered him, ‘Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure.⁹ And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.