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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

The LORD said to Abraham, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry which has come to me; and if not, I will know.” <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near, and said, “Wilt thou indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou then destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from thee to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from thee! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, “Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Wilt thou destroy the whole city for lack

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of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”<sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”<sup>30</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”<sup>31</sup> He said, “Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”<sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 138

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 138, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 793.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole  
heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- <sup>3</sup> For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- <sup>4</sup> When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- <sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
\*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

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- <sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep  
me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of  
my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians**

As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so  
live in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and  
established in the faith, just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one  
makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit,  
according to human tradition, according to the  
elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to  
Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells  
bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fulness of life in him,  
who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also

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you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a sabbath. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body,

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nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

*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* Man shall not live by bread alone; \*  
but by every word that proceeds from the  
mouth of God.

*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 Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.’” And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up

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and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*The Minister says*          The Gospel of the Lord.