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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities!

All is vanity... <sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind... <sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me; <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a man who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of pain, and his work is a vexation;

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even in the night his mind does not rest. This also is vanity.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 49:1-11**

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 49, verses 1 through 11, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 652.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor  
together.
- <sup>2</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- <sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- <sup>4</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels  
surrounds me,

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- <sup>5</sup> The wickedness of those who put their trust in  
their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- <sup>6</sup> We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- <sup>7</sup> For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- <sup>8</sup> In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- <sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after  
them.
- <sup>10</sup> Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
\*  
though they call the lands after their own names.
- <sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you once walked, when you lived in them. <sup>8</sup> But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

*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* Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; \*  
you have the words of everlasting life.

*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 Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the multitude said to Jesus, “Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?” And he said to them, “Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What

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shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’  
And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns,  
and build larger ones; and there I will store all my  
grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul,  
you have ample goods laid up for many years; take  
your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him,  
‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the  
things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is  
he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich  
toward God.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.