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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

<sup>12</sup> The beginning of man's pride is to depart from the Lord;

his heart has forsaken his Maker.

<sup>13</sup> For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the man who clings to it pours out  
abominations.

Therefore the Lord brought upon them extraordinary  
afflictions,  
and destroyed them utterly.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord has cast down the thrones of rulers,  
and has seated the lowly in their place.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has plucked up the roots of the nations,  
and has planted the humble in their place.

<sup>16</sup> The Lord has overthrown the lands of the nations,  
and has destroyed them to the foundations of the  
earth.

<sup>17</sup> He has removed some of them and destroyed them,  
and has extinguished the memory of them from the  
earth.

<sup>18</sup> Pride was not created for men,  
nor fierce anger for those born of women.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 112

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 112, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 755.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of  
compassion.
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting  
remembrance.
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;

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they put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never fail you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>

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Hence we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?”<sup>7</sup>

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ...<sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.<sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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*            Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim  
your faithfulness.

*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.

One sabbath when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him. ... <sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For every one who exalts himself will be

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humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid.<sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind,<sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.