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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Amos

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy, and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great, and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the refuse of the wheat?” ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 113

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 113, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 756.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

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- ¹ Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.
- ² Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who sits
enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- ⁶ He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- ⁷ He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- ⁸ He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men,² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.³ This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time.⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 Open my eyes, O Lord, *
that I may see the wonders of your law.

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 said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’

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Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations. He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.