

YEAR 1, PROPER 3, SATURDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Ecclesiasticus

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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

My prayer was heard, for thou didst save me from destruction and rescue me from an evil plight.

Therefore I will give thanks to thee and praise thee, and I will bless the name of the Lord. While I was still young, before I went on my travels, I sought wisdom openly in my prayer. Before the temple I asked for her, and I will search for her to the last. From blossom to ripening grape my heart delighted in her; my foot entered upon the straight path; from my youth I followed her steps. I inclined my ear a little and received her, and I found for myself much instruction. I made progress therein; to him who gives wisdom I will give glory. For I resolved to live according to wisdom, and I was zealous for the good; and I shall never be put to shame. My soul grappled with wisdom, and in my conduct I was strict; I spread out my hands

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous
sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly; *
giving thanks to God the Father through
him.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

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 Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus and his disciples came again to Jerusalem.
And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests
and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they
said to him, “By what authority are you doing these
things, or who gave you this authority to do them?”
Jesus said to them, “I will ask you a question; answer
me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these
things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from
men? Answer me.” And they argued with one another,
“If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did
you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘From
men?’”—they were afraid of the people, for all held
that John was a real prophet. So they answered Jesus,
“We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither
will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.