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For use with the First Lesson

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

To'bit

TOE-bit

Ecbat'ana

ek-BAT-uh-nuh

Me'dia

MEE-dee-uh

Ragu'el

ra-GYUU-el

Asmode'us

az-mo-DEE-uhs

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Tobit

In my grief I wept, and I prayed in anguish, saying,
“Righteous art thou, O Lord; all thy deeds and all thy
ways are mercy and truth, and thou dost render true
and righteous judgment for ever. Remember me and
look favorably upon me; do not punish me for my sins
and for my unwitting offenses and those which my
fathers committed before thee. For we did not walk in
truth before thee. And now deal with me according to
thy pleasure; command my spirit to be taken up, that I
may depart and become dust. For it is better for me to
die than to live, because I have heard false reproaches,

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and great is the sorrow within me. Command that I now be released from my distress to go to the eternal abode; do not turn thy face away from me.” On the same day, at Ecbat'ana in Me'dia, it also happened that Sarah, the daughter of Ragu'el, was reproached by her father's maids, because she had been given to seven husbands, and the evil demon Asmode'us had slain each of them before he had been with her as his wife. So the maids said to her, “Do you not know that you strangle your husbands? You already have had seven and have had no benefit from any of them. Why do you beat us? If they are dead, go with them! May we never see a son or daughter of yours!” When she heard these things she was deeply grieved, even to the thought of hanging herself. But she said, “I am the only child of my father; if I do this, it will be a disgrace to him, and I shall bring his old age down in sorrow to the grave.” So she prayed by her window and said, “Blessed art thou, O Lord my God, and blessed is thy holy and honored name for ever. May all thy works praise thee for ever.” The prayer of both was heard in the presence of the glory of the great God. And Raphael was sent to heal the two of them.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 25:1–5

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 25, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 614.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 25 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

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5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.

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 Sadducees came to Jesus, who say that there is no
resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying,
“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother

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dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the wife, and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no children; and the second took her, and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; and the seven left no children. Last of all the woman also died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.” Jesus said to them, “Is not this why you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.