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For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from The Vocabulary of the Church (1960):

Ram'eses RAM-uh-seez Suc'coth SUHK-oth

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Exodus

And the people of Israel journeyed from Ram'eses to Suc'coth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very many cattle, both flocks and herds. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any provisions. The time that the people of Israel dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out

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Psalm 136:1-9

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 136, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 789.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, * for his mercy endures for ever.

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- 4 Who only does great wonders, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- Who spread out the earth upon the waters, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- Who created great lights, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader How good it is to sing praises to our

God; *

how pleasant it is to honor him with

praise.

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

Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And he went on from there, and entered their synagogue. And behold, there was a man with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him.

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We include Matthew 12:9–13 to hear the event that leads the Pharisees to take counsel to destroy Jesus.

He said to them, "What man of you, if he has one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, whole like the other. But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him, how to destroy him. Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all, and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will any one hear his voice in the streets; he will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick, till he brings justice to victory; and in his name will the Gentiles hope." The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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