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For use with the First Lesson

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

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| Hi'vites | HIGH-vights |
| Per'izzites | PAIR-i-zights |
| Gir'gashites | GUR-guh-shights (hard “G”) |
| Am'orites | AM-uh-rights |
| Jeb'usites | JEB-yuu-sights |
| Zar'ethan | ZAIR-uh-than |
| Ar'abah | AIR-uh-bah |

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

And the LORD said to Joshua, “This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. And you shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’ ”

And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.” And Joshua said, “Hereby you shall know that the living

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God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hit'tites, the Hi'vites, the Per'izzites, the Gir'gashites, the Am'orites, and the Jeb'usites. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is to pass over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. And when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be stopped from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.” So, when the people set out from their tents, to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zar'ethan, and those flowing down toward the sea of the Ar'abah, the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off; and the people passed over opposite Jericho. And while all Israel were passing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD

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stood on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until
all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 114

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 114, found in the red
Prayer Book beginning on page 756.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Hallelujah!
 When Israel came out of Egypt, *
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange
 speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
 and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
 Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
 and the little hills like young sheep.

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- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

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.

Then Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down

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and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.