

YEAR 1, PROPER 15, MONDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Ba'als

BAY-uhls

Ash'taroth

ASH-tuh-rahth

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Judges

The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Ba'als; and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; they went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were round about them, and bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. They forsook the LORD, and served the Ba'als and the Ash'taroth. So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them; and he sold them into the power of their enemies round about, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them; and

they were in sore straits. Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the power of those who plundered them. And yet they did not listen to their judges; for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed down to them; they soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so. Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. But whenever the judge died, they turned back and behaved worse than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them; they did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 51:1–10

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 51, verses 1 through 10, found in the red Prayer Book on page 656.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness;*
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my
wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Show me your ways O Lord: *
lead me in your truth and teach me.

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 behold, a man came up to Jesus, saying,
“Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal
life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about
what is good? One there is who is good. If you would
enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him,
“Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You
shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You
shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and
mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I
have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him,
“If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess
and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man
heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great
possessions.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.