

YEAR 1, PROPER 15, SATURDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Elim'elech

uh-LIM-uh-lek

Mo'abite

MO-uh-bight-es

O'bed

OH-bed

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Ruth

Now Na'omi had a kinsman of her husband's, a man of wealth, of the family of Elim'elech, whose name was Bo'az. And Ruth the Mo'abite said to Na'omi, "Let me go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she set forth and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Bo'az, who was of the family of Elim'elech. And behold, Bo'az came from Bethlehem; and he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." Then Bo'az said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose maiden is this?" And the servant who

was in charge of the reapers answered, “It is the Mo'abite maiden, who came back with Na'omi from the country of Mo'ab. She said, ‘Pray, let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, without resting even for a moment.” Then Bo'az said to Ruth, “Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my maidens. Let your eyes be upon the field which they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to molest you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.” Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?” But Bo'az answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. So Bo'az took Ruth and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Na'omi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next of kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life

and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Na'omi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Na'omi.” They named him O'bed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of David.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 128

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 128, found in the red Prayer Book on page 783.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
 and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
 happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your
 house, *
 your children like olive shoots round about your
 table.

- 4 The man who fears the LORD *
 shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
 and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all
 the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
 may peace be upon Israel.

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.

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples,
“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; so
practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not
what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.
They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them
on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move
them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be
seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad
and their fringes long, and they love the place of
honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues,
and salutations in the market places, and being called
rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for
you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And
call no man your father on earth, for you have one
Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters,
for you have one master, the Christ. He who is
greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever

exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.