

YEAR 1, PROPER 16, MONDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Silva'nus

sil-VAY-nuhs

Macedo'nia

mass-uh-DOH-nee-uh

Acha'ia

uh-KAY-yuh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silva'nus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalo'nians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much

affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit; so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedo'nia and in Acha'ia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedo'nia and Acha'ia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 149:1–5

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 149, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 807.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I will bless the Lord at all times, *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

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.

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, ‘If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and he who swears by the temple,

swears by it and by him who dwells in it; and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.