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For use with the First Lesson

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

Colos'sae

koh-LAH-see

Ep'aphras

EP-uh-fras

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colos'sae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood

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the grace of God in truth, as you learned it from Ep'aphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 34:9–14

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 34, verses 9 through 14, found in the red Prayer Book on page 628.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 34 as found in the service bulletin.

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is
 good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life *
 and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

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13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

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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 Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus arose and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they besought him for her. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her; and immediately she rose and served them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them, and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. And when it was day he departed and went into a lonely place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them; but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the

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other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Jude'a.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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