

## YEAR 1, PROPER 21, SATURDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Baruch

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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from Baruch**

Take courage, my people, O memorial of Israel! It was not for destruction that you were sold to the nations, but you were handed over to your enemies because you angered God. For you provoked him who made you, by sacrificing to demons and not to God. You forgot the everlasting God, who brought you up, and you grieved Jerusalem, who reared you. For she saw the wrath that came upon you from God, and she said: “Hearken, you neighbors of Zion, God has brought great sorrow upon me; for I have seen the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting brought upon them. With joy I nurtured them, but I sent them away with weeping and sorrow. Let no one rejoice over me, a widow and bereaved of many; I was left desolate because of the sins of my children, because they turned away from the law of God. Take courage,

my children, and cry to God, for you will be remembered by him who brought this upon you. For just as you purposed to go astray from God, return with tenfold zeal to seek him. For he who brought these calamities upon you will bring you everlasting joy with your salvation.”

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 69:34–38**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 69, verses 34 through 38, found in the red Prayer Book on page 682.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; \*  
you who seek God, your heart shall live.
- 35 For the LORD listens to the needy, \*  
and his prisoners he does not despise.
- 36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, \*  
the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of  
Judah; \*  
they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, \*  
and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Give me understanding, O Lord, \*  
and I shall keep your law with all my  
heart.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

*Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.*

## 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.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings

desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

*The Minister says*        The Gospel of the Lord.