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For use with the First Lesson

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

Ba'al

BAY-uhl

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Eli'jah, how he pleads with God against Israel? "Lord, they have killed thy prophets, they have demolished thy altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al." So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their trespass salvation has come to the

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Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” As regards the gospel they are enemies of God, for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 94:14–19

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 94, verses 14 through 19, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 723.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

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- 14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, *
nor will he forsake his own.
- 15 For judgment will again be just, *
and all the true of heart will follow it.
- 16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? *
who took my part against the evildoers?
- 17 If the LORD had not come to my help, *
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
- 18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,” *
your love, O LORD, upheld me.
- 19 When many cares fill my mind, *
your consolations cheer my soul.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion.

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited,
when he marked how they chose the places of honor,
saying to them, “When you are invited by any one to a
marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor,
lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him;
and he who invited you both will come and say to you,
‘Give place to this man,’ and then you will begin with
shame to take the lowest place. But when you are

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invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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