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For use with the First Lesson

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

Belshaz'zar	bel-SHAZ-ur
Men'e	MEN-nee
Tek'el	TEK-uhl
Par'sin	PAR-sin
Per'es	PAIR-res
Medes	MEEDS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

King Belshaz'zar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in front of the thousand. Belshaz'zar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. Immediately the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the

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king's palace, opposite the lampstand; and the king saw the hand as it wrote. Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. I have heard of you that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty . . . But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him; he was driven from among men . . . until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of men,

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and sets over it whom he will. And you his son, Belshaz'zar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed: Me'ne, Me'ne, Te'kel, and Par'sin. This is the interpretation of the matter: Me'ne, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; Te'kel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; Per'es, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page to the appointed psalm.

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Psalm 98:5–10

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 98, verses 5 through 10, found in the red Prayer Book on page 728.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 98 as found in the service bulletin.

- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

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9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the
LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Blessed is the kingdom of our father
David that is coming; *
blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

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.

Then Jesus said to the them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head

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will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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