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For use with the First Lesson

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

A'bram

AY-bruhm

Elie'zer

el-li-EE-zur

Chalde'ans

kal-DEE-uhns

Euphra'tes

yuu-FRAY-teez

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Genesis

After these things the word of the LORD came to A'bram in a vision, “Fear not, A'bram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But A'bram said, “O Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?” And A'bram said, “Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number

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the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chalde'ans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, cut them in two, and laid each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, A'bram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on A'bram; and lo, a dread and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with A'bram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphra'tes.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 47

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 47, found in the red Prayer Book on page 650.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 47 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

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- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

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.

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The Reader then 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, “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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