

YEAR 1, PROPER 8, SATURDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

E'sau

EE-saw

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Genesis

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called E'sau his older son, and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me, and prepare for me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat; that I may bless you before I die.” Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son E'sau. So when E'sau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother E'sau, ‘Bring me game, and prepare for me savory food, that I may eat it, and bless you before the LORD before I die.’ Now therefore, my son, obey my

word as I command you. Go to the flock, and fetch me two good kids, that I may prepare from them savory food for your father, such as he loves.” Then Rebekah took the best garments of E'sau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son; and the skins of the kids she put upon his hands and upon the smooth part of his neck; and she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. So he went in to his father, and said, “My father”; and he said, “Here I am; who are you, my son?” Jacob said to his father, “I am E'sau your first-born. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that you may bless me.” But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.” Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son E'sau or not.” So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of E'sau.” And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother E'sau's hands; so he blessed him. He said, “Are you really my son E'sau?” He answered, “I am.” Then he said, “Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he

brought it to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said, “See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed! May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be every one who curses you, and blessed be every one who blesses you!”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 135:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 135, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 788.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Name of the LORD; *

give praise, you servants of the LORD.

- 2 You who stand in the house of the LORD, *
in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; *
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.
- 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself *
and Israel for his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the LORD is great, *
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven
and on earth, *
in the seas and all the deeps.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

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
Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then the disciples of John came to Jesus, saying,
“Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples
do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the
wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is
with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom
is taken away from them, and then they will fast. And
no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old
garment, for the patch tears away from the garment,
and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into
old wineskins; if it is, the skins burst, and the wine is
spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is
put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.