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For use with the First Lesson

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

Zar'ephath

ZAIR-uh-fath

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of the Kings

And after a while the brook where Eli'jah was hiding dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to Eli'jah, "Arise, go to Zar'ephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zar'ephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a cruse; and now, I am gathering a couple of sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Eli'jah said to her,

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Reader says

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

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1 KINGS 17:7–16; PSALM 4; MATTHEW 5:13–16

- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my
glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the
faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us,
O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The commandments of the Lord are
sure; *

they stand fast for ever and ever.

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.

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light

to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works and give glory to
your Father who is in heaven.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.