

YEAR 2, PROPER 5, THURSDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

A'hab

AY-hab

Carmel

KAHR-mel

Jezre'el

Jez-REE-el

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of the Kings

Eli'jah said to A'hab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of the rushing of rain.” So A'hab went up to eat and to drink. And Eli'jah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. And he said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” And he went up and looked, and said, “There is nothing.” And he said, “Go again seven times.” And at the seventh time he said, “Behold, a little cloud like a man’s hand is rising out of the sea.” And he said, “Go up, say to A'hab, ‘Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.’ ” And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezre'el. And the hand of

the LORD was on Eli'jah; and he girded up his loins
and ran before A'hab to the entrance of Jezre'el.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 65: 1–5

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 65, verses 1 through 5,
found in the red Prayer Book on page 672.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
 to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
 because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
 but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
 and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
 they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
 by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
 righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

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.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.

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, “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to the men of old, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison;

truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.