

YEAR 2, PROPER 7, THURSDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Jehoi'achin	ji-HOY-uh-kin
Nehush'ta	ne-HUSH-tuh
Elna'than	el-NAY-thun
Nebuchadnezzar	ne-buh-kuhd-NEZ-ur
Mattani'ah	mat-tah-NIGH-uh
Zedeki'ah	zed-uh-KIGH-uh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings

Jehoi'achin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Nehush'ta the daughter of Elna'than of Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; and Jehoi'achin the king of Judah gave himself up to the king of

Babylon, himself, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his palace officials. The king of Babylon took him prisoner in the eighth year of his reign, and carried off all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold in the temple of the LORD, which Solomon king of Israel had made, as the LORD had foretold. He carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, except the poorest people of the land. And he carried away Jehoi'achin to Babylon; the king's mother, the king's wives, his officials, and the chief men of the land, he took into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. And the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of valor, seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all of them strong and fit for war. And the king of Babylon made Mattani'ah, Jehoi'achin's uncle, king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedeki'ah. *The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 79:9–13

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 79, verses 9 through 13, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 701.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your
Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your
Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, “Where is their
God?” *
Let it be known among the heathen and in our
sight
that you avenge the shedding of your servants’
blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come
before you, *
and by your great might spare those who are
condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you,
O LORD, *
return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your
pasture; *
we will give you thanks for ever
and show forth your praise from age to age.

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.

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, “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On the last day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.’ Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds

were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.