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### For use with the First Lesson

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

Nebuchadnezzar	ne-buh-kuhd-NEZ-ur
Zedekiah	zed-uh-KIGH-uh
Chaldeans	kal-DEE-uhns
Arabah	AIR-uh-buh
Nebuzaradan	neb-yuu-ZAIR-uh-din

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings**

And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; and they built siegeworks against it round about. So the city was besieged till the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city; the king with all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two

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walls, by the king's garden, though the Chalde'ans were around the city. And they went in the direction of the Ar'abah. But the army of the Chalde'ans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then they captured the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence upon him. They slew the sons of Zedeki'ah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedeki'ah, and bound him in fetters, and took him to Babylon. In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzar'adan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. And he burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. And all the army of the Chalde'ans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem. And the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, together with the rest of the multitude, Nebuzar'adan the captain of the guard carried into exile. But the

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captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 137: 1–6**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 137, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 792.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1    By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
      when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2    As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
      on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3    For those who led us away captive asked us for a  
      song,  
      and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
      “Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
- 4    How shall we sing the LORD’S song \*  
      upon an alien soil?

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- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

### **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.*

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## 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.

When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to the people.”

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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