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For use with the First Lesson

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

Am'orite

AM-uh-right

Naz'irites

NAZ-uh-rights

Prophecy

PRAH-fi-sigh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Amos

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes—they that trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same maiden, so that my holy name is profaned; they lay themselves down beside every altar upon garments taken in pledge; and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. Yet I destroyed the Am'orite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit

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above, and his roots beneath. Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Am'orite. And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Naz'irites. Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?" says the LORD. "But you made the Naz'irites drink wine, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'You shall not prophesy.' Behold, I will press you down in your place, as a cart full of sheaves presses down. Flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not retain his strength, nor shall the mighty save his life; he who handles the bow shall not stand, and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself, nor shall he who rides the horse save his life; and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day," says the LORD.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 50:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 50, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 654.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun
 to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice.”

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6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his
cause; *
for God himself is judge.

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.

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.” Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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