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For use with the First Lesson

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

Hosea

hoh-ZAY-uh

E'phraim

EE-fray-im

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Hosea

They made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but without my knowledge. With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction. I have spurned your calf, O Sama'ria. My anger burns against them. How long will it be till they are pure in Israel? A workman made it; it is not God. The calf of Sama'ria shall be broken to pieces. For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads, it shall yield no meal; if it were to yield, aliens would devour it. Because E'phraim has multiplied altars for sinning, they have become to him altars for sinning. Were I to write for him my laws by ten thousands, they would be regarded as a strange thing. They love sacrifice; they sacrifice flesh and eat

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it; but the LORD has no delight in them. Now he will remember their iniquity, and punish their sins; they shall return to Egypt.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 115:1–8

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 115, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 757.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
 but to your Name give glory; *
 because of your love and because of your
 faithfulness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say, *
 “Where then is their God?”
- 3 Our God is in heaven; *
 whatever he wills to do he does.

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- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;
- 6 They have ears but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.
- 8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

People Alleluia.

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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.

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”

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And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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