

YEAR 2, PROPER 9, WEDNESDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Hosea

hoh-ZAY-uh

A'ven

AY-ven

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Hosea

Israel is a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit. The more his fruit increased the more altars he built; as his country improved he improved his pillars. Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt. The LORD will break down their altars, and destroy their pillars. For now they will say: “We have no king, for we fear not the LORD, and a king, what could he do for us?”

Sama'ria's king shall perish, like a chip on the face of the waters. The high places of A'ven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. Thorn and thistle shall grow up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us, and to the hills, Fall upon us. Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of steadfast love; break up

your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain salvation upon you.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 105:1-7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 105, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book on page 738.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 105 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his
Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD
rejoice.

- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

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.

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.

And Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphae'us, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.