

## YEAR 2, PROPER 11, MONDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Ba'lak

BAY-lack

Ba'laam

BAY-luhm

Be'or

BEE-or

Shit'tim

SHIT-tim

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Micah**

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Ba'lak king of Moab devised, and what Ba'laam the son of Be'or answered him, and what happened from Shit'tim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving

*The Reader concludes*      The Word of the Lord.

*The Reader says*

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

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the  
afflicted, \*  
but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of  
Zion! \*  
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his  
people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion.

*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.

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nin'evah will arise at

the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.