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For use with the First Lesson

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

Habak'kuk

huh-BAK-kuk

She'ol

SHEE-ol

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Habakkuk

Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them as a judgment; and thou, O Rock, hast established them for chastisement. Thou who art of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look on wrong, why dost thou look on faithless men, and art silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he? For thou makest men like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. He brings all of them up with a hook, he drags them out with his net, he gathers them in his seine; so he rejoices and exults. Therefore he sacrifices to his net

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and burns incense to his seine; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich. Is he then to keep on emptying his net, and mercilessly slaying nations for ever? I will take my stand to watch, and station myself on the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith. Moreover, wine is treacherous; the arrogant man shall not abide. His greed is as wide as She'ol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations, and collects as his own all peoples.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 9:7–12

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 9, verses 7 through 12, found in the red Prayer Book on page 593.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; *
he has set up his throne for judgment.
- 8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; *
he judges the peoples with equity.
- 9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.
- 10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in
you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O
LORD.
- 11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

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12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; *
you have the words of everlasting life.

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.

And when Jesus and his disciples came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to

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there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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