

YEAR 2, PROPER 14, MONDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Che'bar

KEE-bahr

Jehoi'achin

ji-HOY-uh-kin

Bu'zi

BYUU-zigh

Chalde'ans

kal-DEE-uhns

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Che'bar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoi'achin), the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Bu'zi, in the land of the Chalde'ans by the river Che'bar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there. As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness round about it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming bronze. And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living

creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the form of men. And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of a host; when they stood still, they let down their wings. And there came a voice from above the firmament over their heads; when they stood still, they let down their wings. And above the firmament over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness as it were of a human form. And upward from what had the appearance of his loins I saw as it were gleaming bronze, like the appearance of fire enclosed round about; and downward from what had the appearance of his loins I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 148:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 148, verses 1-6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 805.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
 praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
 praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
 praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
 and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
 for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

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.

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.

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to the disciples, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed. When they came to Caper'na-um, the collectors of the half-shekel tax went up to Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the tax?” He said, “Yes.” And when he came home, Jesus spoke to him

first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their sons or from others?” And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel; take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”
The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.