

YEAR 2, PROPER 15, SATURDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Che'bar

KEE-bahr

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Afterward the LORD brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east; and the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with his glory. And the vision I saw was like the vision which I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision which I had seen by the river Che'bar; and I fell upon my face. As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple; and he said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel for ever. And

the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their harlotry, and by the dead bodies of their kings.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 85:8–13

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 85, verses 8 through 13, found in the red Prayer Book on page 709.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
 him, *
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Show me your ways, O Lord; *
lead me in your truth and teach me.

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.

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples,
“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; so
practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not
what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.
They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them
on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move
them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be
seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad
and their fringes long, and they love the place of
honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues,
and salutations in the market places, and being called
rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for
you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And
call no man your father on earth, for you have one
Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters,
for you have one master, the Christ. He who is
greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever

exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.