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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiastes

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains for ever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south, and goes round to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already,

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in the ages before us. There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to happen among those who come after.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 90:1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 90, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 717.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 LORD, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or the land and the earth were born, *
 from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
 “Go back, O child of earth.”

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- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Open my eyes, O Lord, *
that I may see the wonders of your law.

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 Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, by some that Eli'jah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen. Herod said, “John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see Jesus.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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