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### For use with the First Lesson

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

La-odice'a

lay-oh-di-SEE-uh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Revelation to John**

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. Awake, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent. If you will not awake, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the

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book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ And to the angel of the church in La-odice’a write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. He who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his

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*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 149:1–5**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 149, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 807.

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

- 1    Hallelujah!  
     Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
     sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2    Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
     let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3    Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
     let them sing praise to him with timbrel and  
     harp.
- 4    For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
     and adorns the poor with victory.

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5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Be faithful unto death, says the Lord, \*  
and I will give you the crown of life.

*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 Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And when Jesus drew near and saw the city, he wept  
over it, saying, “Would that even today you knew the  
things that make for peace! But now they are hid from

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your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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