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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Revelation to John

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was made bright with his splendor. And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! It has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt of every foul spirit, a haunt of every foul and hateful bird. Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So shall Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and shall be found no more; and the sound of harpers and minstrels, of flute players and trumpeters, shall be heard in thee no more; and a craftsman of any craft shall be found in thee no more; and the sound of the millstone shall be heard in thee no more; and the light of a lamp shall shine in thee no more; and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard in thee no more; for thy merchants were the great men of the earth, and all nations were deceived by thy sorcery. And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth." After this I heard

YEAR 2, PROPER 29, THURSDAY: MASS REVELATION 18:1–2, 21–19:3, 9, 10*; PSALM 100; LUKE 21:20–28 what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; he has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants." Once more they cried, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 100

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 100, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 729.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

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The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Blessed is the kingdom of our father

David that is coming; *

blessed is he who comes in the name of

the Lord.

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.

Jesus said to his disciples and in the hearing of all the people, "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Jude'a flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it; for these are

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The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.