

## YEAR A, PROPER 5, SUNDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Hosea

hoh-ZAY-uh

E'phraim

EE-fray-im

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Hosea**

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress they seek me, saying, “Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn, that he may heal us; he has stricken, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his going forth is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O E'phraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I

desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 50:7–15**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 50, verses 7 through 15, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 654.

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

- 7    Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
      “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
      for I am God, your God.
- 8    I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
      your offerings are always before me.
- 9    I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
      nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10   For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
      the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed

to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader*           Alleluia.

*People*           Alleluia.

*Reader*           The commandments of the Lord  
   are sure; \*  
   they stand fast for ever and ever.

*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 Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.