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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dugged it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant

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planting; and he looked for justice, but behold,
bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 80:7–14

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 80, verses 7 through
14, found in the red Prayer Book on page 703.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance,
 and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

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- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from
heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

Letter of Paul to the Philippians

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom

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I have often told you and now tell you even with tears,
live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is
destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in
their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our
commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a
Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our
lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power
which enables him even to subject all things to himself.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your word is a lantern to my feet *
 and a light upon my path.

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 Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits

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in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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