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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure

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everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory. *The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 34: 9-14

At Said Mass the Reader says
Please join me in reading Psalm 34, verses 9 through
14, found in the red Prayer Book on page 628.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says
Please join me in reading Psalm 34 as found in the service bulletin.

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that
 is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

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- 12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader "I am the good shepherd," says the

Lord, *

"I know my own, and my own know

me."

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.

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The Holy Gospel

The Minister says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

▶ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Minister

Jesus Christ according to

Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

Jesus said to his disciples, "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord. The Minister says