

## LENT 3, SATURDAY: 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**

“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 51:15–20

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 51, verses 15 through 20, found in the red Prayer Book on page 657.

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

- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered  
sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not  
despise.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, \*  
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,  
with burnt-offerings and oblations; \*  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

### **Verse before the Gospel**

*The Reader reads the appointed verse before the Gospel.*

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep  
of God's hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to God's  
voice!"

*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 also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised

others, “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.