

YEAR 1, PROPER 12, FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Leviticus

The LORD said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, The appointed feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed feasts, are these. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is the Lord’s passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. But you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.” And the LORD said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest

to the priest; and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, that you may find acceptance; on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 81:1–10

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 81, verses 1 through 10, found in the red Prayer Book on page 704.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
 and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

- 2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
 the merry harp, and the lyre.

- 3 Blow the ram’s-horn at the new moon, *
 and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, *
 a law of the God of Jacob.

- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, *
 when he came out of the land of Egypt.

- 6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, *
“I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load.”
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: *
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and
said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; *
you have the words of everlasting life.

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.

Coming to his own country, Jesus taught the people in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to

them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.