

YEAR C, PROPER 8, SUNDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Haz'ael	HAZ-ay-el
Je'hu	JEE-hyuu
Nim'shi	NIM-shigh
Sha'phat	SHAY-fat
A'bel-meho'lah	AY-buhl-mi-HOH-luh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of the Kings

The LORD said to Eli'jah, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Haz'ael to be king over Syria; and Je'hu the son of Nim'shi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Eli'sha the son of Sha'phat of

A'bel-meho'lah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.” So he departed from there, and found Eli'sha the son of Sha'phat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth.

Eli'jah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him.

And he left the oxen, and ran after Eli'jah, and said,

“Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will

follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Eli’jah, and ministered to him.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 16:5–11

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 16, verses 5 through 11, found in the red Prayer Book on page 600.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit
rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

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

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast
therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of
slavery. For you were called to freedom, brethren; only
do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the
flesh, but through love be servants of one another.
For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, “You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and
devour one another take heed that you are not
consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the

desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

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.

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.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him; but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to

another village. As they were going along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” But he said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.