

**OCTOBER 9,
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For use with the First Lesson

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

Ephesus

EF-uh-sis

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul said to the elders of the church at Ephesus,
“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which
the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the
church of God which he obtained with the blood of
his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce
wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;
and from among your own selves will arise men
speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples
after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for
three years I did not cease night or day to admonish
every one with tears. And now I commend you to
God and to the word of his grace, which is able to

build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 112:1–9

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 112, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book on page 755.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 112 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Happy are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, *
for they shall be satisfied.

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.

Jesus said, “He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the

other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him. But he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.