

**FEBRUARY 4, ANSKAR,
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DENMARK AND SWEDEN, 865: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth.”

And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 96:1–7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 96, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 725.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 96 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from
day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the
peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Jesus said to them, “Follow me *
and I will make you fishers of men and
women.”

People Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

In Lent:

There is no verse before the Gospel. The Reader says
Please stand for the Gospel.

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 called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them.” So they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.