

FEBRUARY 29,

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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings

When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Eli'sha said, "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Eli'sha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces. And he took up the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Eli'jah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other; and Eli'sha went over. Now

when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him over against them, they said, “The spirit of Eli'jah rests on Eli'sha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 145: 1–7

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 145, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book on page 801.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 145 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.

- 2 Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your name for ever and ever.

- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to
another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your
majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous
acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your
great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

Before the Season of Lent begins:

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader We preach Christ crucified; *
he is the power and the wisdom of God.

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 John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God. He was in the

beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.