Theophilos
Rehum

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, O Theophilos, 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 Samaria 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 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, * and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

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.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of
wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.