The First Lesson. The Reader begins
A Reading from the
First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.
Psalm 16: 5–11

At Said Mass 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.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says
Please join me in reading Psalm 16 found in the service bulletin.

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 Reader says*
Please stand for the Gospel.

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

**Reader** Alleluia.

**People** Alleluia.

**Reader** Blessed are those who are persecuted for 
   righteousness’ sake, *
   for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**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 John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And he who sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.