

## **FIRST READING:**

*After the collect of the day, wait for the congregation to be seated, approach the altar, make a profound bow before entering the sanctuary as a recognition of the centrality of the altar (no genuflection or sign of the cross is necessary), and go to the ambo (left side of the sanctuary).*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

Therefore, prophesy and say to them:

Thus says the Lord GOD:

Look! I am going to open your graves;

I will make you come up out of your graves, my people,  
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

You shall know that I am the LORD,

when I open your graves

and make you come up out of them, my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life,

and I will settle you in your land.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have spoken; I will do it—oracle of the LORD.

(pause)

The word of the Lord.

(Congregation: Thanks be to God.)

*Leave the ambo, make a profound bow to the altar, and resume your place in the congregation so that the cantor can lead the responsorial psalm for the day.*