

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Next let us praise illustrious people,
or ancestors in their successive generations.

The lord has created abundance of glory and displayed his greatness from
earliest times.

Some wielded authority as kings and were renowned for their strength;
others were intelligent advisers and uttered prophetic oracles.

Others directed people by their advice,
by their understanding of the popular mind,
and by the wise words of their teaching;

others composed musical melodies, and set down ballads;

others were rich and powerful,
living peacefully in their homes.

But here a list of generous people whose good works have not been forgotten.

The word of the Lord.