

## YEAR 1, EPIPHANY 4, MONDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Bar'ak

BAR-uhk

Jeph'thah

JEF-thuh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Bar'ak, Samson, Jeph'thah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not

worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 31:19–24**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 31, verses 19 through 24, found in the red Prayer Book on page 624.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD!  
which you have laid up for those who fear you; \*  
which you have done in the sight of all  
for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence  
from those who slander them; \*  
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of  
tongues.

- 21 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a  
besieged city.
- 22 Yet I said in my alarm,  
“I have been cut off from the sight of your  
eyes.” \*  
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my  
entreaty  
when I cried out to you.
- 23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; \*  
the LORD protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, \*  
all you who wait for the LORD.

*Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim  
your faithfulness.

*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 Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Ger'asenes. And when he had come out of the boat, there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who lived among the tombs; and no one could bind him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been bound with fetters and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the fetters he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength

to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out, and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him; and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." And he begged him eagerly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him, "Send us to the swine, let us enter them." So he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The herdsmen fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus, and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their neighborhood. And as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been

possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. But he refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decap'olis how much Jesus had done for him; and all men marveled.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.