

## YEAR 1, EPIPHANY 4, SATURDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Now may the God of peace who

brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Reader concludes*                      The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 23**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 612.

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

- 1    The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
      I shall not be in want.
  
- 2    He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
      and leads me beside still waters.
  
- 3    He revives my soul \*  
      and guides me along right pathways for his  
      Name's sake.

- 4    Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
          of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
      for you are with me;  
      your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5    You spread a table before me in the presence of  
          those who trouble me; \*  
      you have anointed my head with oil,  
      and my cup is running over.
- 6    Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
          all the days of my life, \*  
      and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for  
          ever.

## **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.

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.