YEAR 1, EPIPHANY 6, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins **A Reading from Genesis**

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning; of every beast I will require it and of man; of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply in it." Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish

my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 102:15-22

The Reader says Please join me in reading Psalm 102, verses 15 through 22, found in the red Prayer Book on page 732. *(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 15 The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, * and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- 16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and his glory will appear.
- 17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; *he will not despise their plea.

- 18 Let this be written for a future generation, * so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD.
- 19 For the LORD looked down from his holy place on high; * from the heavens he beheld the earth;
- 20 That he might hear the groan of the captive * and set free those condemned to die;
- 21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together, * and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.		
Reader	Alleluia.	
People	Alleluia.	
Reader	Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *	
	proclaim the good news of his salvation	
	from day to day.	
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.

And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philip'pi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men."

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.