

YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 1, SATURDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Abi'el	uh-BIGH-el
Ze'ror	ZEE-rawr
Beco'rath	buh-KOR-uhth
Aphi'ah	uh-FIGH-uh
E'phraim	EE-fray-im
Shal'ishah	SHAL-i-shah
Sha'alim	SHAY-uh-lim

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abi'el, son of Ze'ror, son of Beco'rath, son of Aphi'ah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth; and he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he; from his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people. Now the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the asses." And they passed through the hill

country of E'phraim and passed through the land of Shal'ishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Sha'alim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them. Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the affliction of my people, because their cry has come to me." When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall rule over my people." Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate, and said, "Tell me where is the house of the seer?" Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer; go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their enemies round about.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 21:1–7

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 21, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 608.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD; *
how greatly he exults in your victory!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his lips.
- 3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, *
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: *
length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 His honor is great, because of your victory; *
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon
him.
- 6 For you will give him everlasting felicity *
and will make him glad with the joy of your
presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD; *
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,
he will not fall.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader All of you who were baptized into
Christ; *
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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 went out again beside the sea; and all the crowd gathered about him, and he taught them. And as he passed on, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were sitting with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.