

YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 2, MONDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Amal'ekites	uh-MAL-uh-kights
A'gag	AY-gag
Am'alek	AM-uh-lek

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

And Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Say on.” And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. And the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amal'ekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop on the spoil, and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?” And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, I have brought A'gag the king of Am'alek, and I have utterly destroyed the

Amal'ekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 50:7–15

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 50, verses 7 through 15, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 654.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Show me your ways, O Lord; *
lead me in your truth and teach me.

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.

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to Jesus, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if he does, the patch tears

away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.