

YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 2, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

As they were coming home, when David returned from slaying the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with timbrels, with songs of joy, and with instruments of music. And the women sang to one another as they made merry, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.” And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him; he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; and what more can he have but the kingdom?” And Saul eyed David from that day on. And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul’s son, delighted much in David. And Jonathan told David, “Saul my father seeks to kill you; therefore take heed to yourself in the morning, stay in a secret place and hide yourself; and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you; and if I learn anything I will tell you.” And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, “Let not the

king sin against his servant David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have been of good service to you; for he took his life in his hand and he slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced; why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?” And Saul hearkened to the voice of Jonathan; Saul swore, “As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.” And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before. And there was war again; and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and made a great slaughter among them, so that they fled before him.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 56

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 56, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 662.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
for my enemies are hounding me; *
all day long they assault and oppress me.
- 2 They hound me all the day long; *
truly there are many who fight against me, O
Most High.
- 3 Whenever I am afraid, *
I will put my trust in you.
- 4 In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day long they damage my cause; *
their only thought is to do me evil.

- 6 They band together; they lie in wait; *
they spy upon my footsteps;
because they seek my life.
- 7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.
- 8 You have noted my lamentation;
put my tears into your bottle; *
are they not recorded in your book?

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.

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed; also from Judea and Jerusalem and Idume'a and from beyond the Jordan and from about Tyre and Sidon a great multitude, hearing all that he did, came to him. And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they should crush him; for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. And whenever the unclean spirits beheld him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.