

YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 4, MONDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Bahu'rim	buh-HYUU-rim
Shim'e-i	SHIM-ee-igh
Ge'ra	GEE-ruh (hard “G”)
Abi'shai	uh-BIGH-shigh
Zeru'iah	zer-uu-IGH-ugh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

A messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Ab'salom.” Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee; or else there will be no escape for us from Ab'salom; go in haste, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.” But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered; and all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went. When King David came to Bahu'rim, there came out a man of the

family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shim'e-i, the son of Ge'ra; and as he came he cursed continually. And he threw stones at David, and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And Shim'e-i said as he cursed, "Begone, begone, you man of blood, you worthless fellow! The LORD has avenged upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Ab'salom. See, your ruin is on you; for you are a man of blood." Then Abi'shai the son of Zeru'iah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head." But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeru'iah? If he is cursing because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?' " And David said to Abi'shai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD has bidden him. It may be that the LORD will look upon my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for this cursing of me today." So David and his men went on the road, while Shim'e-i went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, and threw stones

at him and flung dust. And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan; and there he refreshed himself.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 3

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 3, found in the red Prayer Book on page 587.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *
 how many there are who rise up against me!

- 2 How many there are who say of me, *
 “‘There is no help for him in his God.’”

- 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; *
 you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

- 4 I call aloud upon the LORD, *
 and he answers me from his holy hill;

- 5 I lie down and go to sleep; *
 I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

- 6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the
face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. *
Your blessing be upon your people!

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.

Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Ger'asenes. And when Jesus had come out of the boat, there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who lived among the tombs; and no one could bind him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been bound with fetters and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the fetters he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out, and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him; and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." And he begged him eagerly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside;

and they begged him, “Send us to the swine, let us enter them.” So he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The herdsmen fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus, and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their neighborhood. And as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. But he refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decap'olis how much Jesus had done for him; and all men marveled.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.