

YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 4, THURSDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Jo'ab	JOH-ab
Zeru-i'ah	zair-uh-IGH-uh
Ama'sa	uh-MAY-suh
Je'ther	JEE-ther
She'ol	SHEE-ol
Barzil'lai	bar-ZIL-igh
Gil'eadite	GIL-ee-uh-dight (hard "G")
He'bron	HEE-brun
Shim'e-i	SHIM-ee-igh
Ge'ra	GEE-ruh (hard "G")
Bahu'rim	buh-HYUU-rim
Mahana'im	mah-huh-NAY-im

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of the Kings

When David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and

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keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; that the LORD may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.' Moreover you know also what Jo'ab the son of Zeru-i'ah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Ama'sa the son of Je'ther, whom he murdered, avenging in time of peace blood which had been shed in war, and putting innocent blood upon the girdle about my loins, and upon the sandals on my feet. Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to She'ol in peace. But deal loyally with the sons of Barzil'lai the Gil'eadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table; for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Ab'salom your brother. And there is also with you Shim'e-i the son of Ge'ra, the Benjaminite from Bahu'rim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the

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day when I went to Mahana'im; but when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for you are a wise man; you will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to She'ol." Then David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in He'bron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was firmly established.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 132:11–19

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 132, verses 11 through 19, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 786.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

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- 12 “A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for
evermore.”
- 14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:
- 15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

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19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with
shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

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.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.

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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 called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them.” So they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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