

## YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 5, SATURDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Jerobo'am

jair-uh-BOH-uhm

Rehobo'am

ree-huh-BOH-uhm

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the First Book of the Kings**

And Jerobo'am said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will turn back to the house of David; if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, to Rehobo'am king of Judah, and they will kill me and return to Rehobo'am king of Judah.” So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. And this thing became a sin, for the people went to the one at Bethel and to the other as far as Dan. He also made houses on high places, and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites.

And Jerobo'am appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices upon the altar; so he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and he ordained a feast for the people of Israel, and went up to the altar to burn incense. After this thing Jerobo'am did not turn from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people; any who would, he consecrated to be priests of the high places. And this thing became sin to the house of Jerobo'am, so as to cut it off and to destroy it from the face of the earth.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 106:19–22**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 106, verses 19 through 22, found in the red Prayer Book on page 743.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

*Please turn the page and lead the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation  
from day to day.

*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.

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him, and said to them, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come a long way.” And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these men

with bread here in the desert?” And he asked them, “How many loaves have you?” They said, “Seven.” And he commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish; and having blessed them, he commanded that these also should be set before them. And they ate, and were satisfied; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away; and immediately he got into the boat with his disciples, and went to the district of Dalmanu'tha.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.