

## YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 6, SATURDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of James**

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness. For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no human being can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and

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Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish? Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 12**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 12 found in the red Prayer Book on page 597.

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

- 1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.
  
- 2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double  
heart.

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- 3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth  
tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!
4. Those who say, “With our tongue will  
we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”
- 5 “Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up,” says the LORD,  
“and give them the help they long for.”
- 6 The words of the LORD are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in fire.
- 7 O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.
- 8 The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by  
everyone

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## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* The commandments of the Lord  
are sure; \*  
they stand fast for ever and ever.

*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.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Eli'jah with Moses; and they

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were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli’jah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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