

YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 7, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of James

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 49:16–20

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 49, verses 16 through 20, found in the red Prayer Book on page 653.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 16 Do not be envious when some become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house increases;
- 17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.
- 18 Though they thought highly of themselves while
they lived, *
and were praised for their success,
- 19 They shall join the company of their forebears, *
who will never see the light again.
- 20 Those who are honored, but have no
understanding, *
are like beasts that perish.

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.

Jesus said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than

with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. For every one will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.