

## YEAR 1, LAST EPIPHANY, MONDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Tobit**

The book of the acts of Tobit the son of Tobi'el, son of Anan'iel, son of Adu'el, son of Gab'ael, of the descendants of A'siel and the tribe of Naph'talī, who in the days of Shal'manēser, king of the Assyrians, was taken into captivity from Thisbe, which is to the south of Ke'desh Naph'talī in Galilee above Asher. “When I, Tobit, arrived home and my wife Anna and my son Tobias were restored to me, at the feast of Pentecost, which is the sacred festival of the seven weeks, a good dinner was prepared for me and I sat down to eat.

Upon seeing the abundance of food I said to my son, “Go and bring whatever poor man of our brethren you may find who is mindful of the Lord, and I will wait for you.” But he came back and said, “Father, one of our people has been strangled and thrown into the market place.” So before I tasted anything I sprang up and removed the body to a place of shelter until sunset. And when I returned I washed myself and ate my food in sorrow. Then I remembered the prophecy of Amos, how he said, “Your feasts shall be turned into mourning, and all your festivities into

lamentation.” And I wept. When the sun had set I went and dug a grave and buried the body. And my neighbors laughed at me and said, “He is no longer afraid that he will be put to death for doing this; he once ran away, and here he is burying the dead again!”  
*The Reader concludes*                      The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 112:1–6**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 112, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 755.

*(The Reader repeats the above information several times.)*

- 1    Hallelujah!  
     Happy are they who fear the LORD \*  
     and have great delight in his commandments!
  
- 2    Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
     the generation of the upright will be blessed.
  
- 3    Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
     and their righteousness will last for ever.

- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of  
compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting  
remembrance.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* This is my Son, my Beloved, \*  
with whom I am well pleased

*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 began to speak to the chief priests and the scribes and the elders in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a pit for the wine press, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took him and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent to them another servant, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. And he sent another, and him they killed; and so with many others, some they beat and some they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son; finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ And they took him and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

“The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?” And they tried to arrest him, but feared the multitude, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them; so they left him and went away.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.