

YEAR 1, PROPER 13, WEDNESDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Par'an

PAIR-uhn

Ka'desh

KAY-desh

Jephun'neh

ji-FUHN-e

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Numbers

The LORD said to Moses in the desert of Par'an, "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers shall you send a man, every one a leader among them." At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Par'an, at Ka'desh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once, and occupy it; for we are well able to overcome it."

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Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.” So they brought to the people of Israel an evil report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone, to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants.” Then all the congregation raised a loud cry; and the people wept that night. And the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron, “How long shall this wicked congregation murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel, which they murmur against me. Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and of all your number, numbered from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me, not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephun’neh and Joshua the son of Nun. According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquity, forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.’ I, the LORD, have spoken; surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation that are gathered together against

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me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end,
and there they shall die.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 106:6–15

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 106, verses 6 through 15, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 742.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 106 as found in the service bulletin.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
 we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous
 works,
 nor remember the abundance of your love; *
 they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

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- 8 But he saved them for his Name's sake, *
to make his power known.
- 9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, *
and he led them through the deep as through a
desert.
- 10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated
them *
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- 11 The waters covered their oppressors; *
not one of them was left.
- 12 Then they believed his words *
and sang him songs of praise.
- 13 But they soon forgot his deeds *
and did not wait for his counsel.
- 14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, *
and they put God to the test in the desert.

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15 He gave them what they asked, *
but sent leanness into their soul.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; *
you have the words of everlasting life.

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
Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the
district of Tyre and Si'don. And behold, a Canaanite
woman from that region came out and cried, "Have

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mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly. And Jesus went on from there and passed along the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain, and sat down there. And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the dumb, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the throng wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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