

YEAR 1, PROPER 28, MONDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Macedo'nia	mas-uh-DOH-nee-uh
Dari'us	duh-RIGH-uhs
Medes	MEEDS
Anti'ochus	an-TIGH-o-kus
Epiph'anes	i-PIF-un-nee-z
Chis'lev	KIS-lev

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of the Maccabees

After Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian, who came from the land of Kit'tim, had defeated Dari'us, king of the Persians and the Medes, he succeeded him as king. He fought many battles, conquered strongholds, and put to death the kings of the earth. He advanced to the ends of the earth, and plundered many nations. After this he fell sick and perceived that he was dying. So he summoned his most honored officers, who had been brought up with him from youth, and divided his kingdom among them while he was still alive. And after Alexander had reigned twelve

years, he died. Then his officers began to rule, each in his own place. From them came forth a sinful root, Anti'ochus Epiph'anes, son of Anti'ochus the king; he had been a hostage in Rome. He began to reign in the one hundred and thirty-seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks. In those days lawless men came forth from Israel, and misled many, saying, "Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles round about us, for since we separated from them many evils have come upon us." This proposal pleased them, and some of the people eagerly went to the king. He authorized them to observe the ordinances of the Gentiles. So they built a gymnasium in Jerusalem, according to Gentile custom, and removed the marks of circumcision, and abandoned the holy covenant. They joined with the Gentiles and sold themselves to do evil. Now on the fifteenth day of Chis'lev, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege upon the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding cities of Judah, and burned incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. The books of the law which they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire. Where the book of the covenant was found in the possession of any one, or if any one adhered to the law, the decree of the king condemned him to death. But many in Israel stood

firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food. They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant; and they did die. And very great wrath came upon Israel. *The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 79:1–9

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 79, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book on page 701.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your
 inheritance;
 they have profaned your holy temple; *
 they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as
 food for the birds of the air, *
 and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts
 of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every
 side of Jerusalem, *
 and there was no one to bury them.

- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around
us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have
not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called
upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God, our Savior, for the glory of your
Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your
Name's sake.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Be faithful unto death, says the Lord, *
and I will give you the crown of 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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked

him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.