

YEAR 1, PROPER 28, THURSDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Mo'dein

MOH-din

Mattathi'as

ma-tuh-THIGH-us

Phinehas

FIN-ee-uhs

Zim'ri

ZIM-righ

Sa'lu

SAY-lu

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of the Maccabees

Then the king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came to the city of Mo'dein to make them offer sacrifice. Many from Israel came to them; and Mattathi'as and his sons were assembled. Then the king's officers spoke to Mattathi'as as follows: "You are a leader, honored and great in this city, and supported by sons and brothers. Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as all the Gentiles and the men of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the friends of the king, and you and your sons will be honored with silver and gold and

many gifts.” But Mattathi'as answered and said in a loud voice: “Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to do his commandments, departing each one from the religion of his fathers, yet I and my sons and my brothers will live by the covenant of our fathers. Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances. We will not obey the king’s words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left.” When he had finished speaking these words, a Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice upon the altar in Mo'dein, according to the king’s command. When Mattathi'as saw it, he burned with zeal and his heart was stirred. He gave vent to righteous anger; he ran and killed him upon the altar. At the same time he killed the king’s officer who was forcing them to sacrifice, and he tore down the altar. Thus he burned with zeal for the law, as Phinehas did against Zim'ri the son of Sa'lu. Then Mattathi'as cried out in the city with a loud voice, saying: “Let every one who is zealous for the law and supports the covenant come out with me!” And he and his sons fled to the hills and left all that they had in the city. Then many who were seeking righteousness and justice went down to the wilderness to dwell there.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 129

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 129, found in the red Prayer Book on page 784.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 “Greatly have they oppressed me since my
youth,” *
let Israel now say;
- 2 “Greatly have they oppressed me since my
youth, *
but they have not prevailed against me.”
- 3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.
- 4 The LORD, the Righteous One, *
has cut the cords of the wicked.
- 5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, *
all those who are enemies of Zion.

Please turn the page to continue the psalm.

- 6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, *
which withers before it can be plucked;
- 7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, *
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;
- 8 So that those who go by say not so much as,
“The Lord prosper you. *
We wish you well in the Name of the Lord.”

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.

And when Jesus drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, “Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.