

## **YEAR 1, PROPER 6, TUESDAY: MASS**

### **For use with the First Lesson**

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

Macedo'nia      mass-uh-DOH-nee-uh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the**

#### **Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedo'nia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. Accordingly we have urged Titus that as he had already made a beginning, he should also complete among you this gracious work. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us

—see that you excel in this gracious work also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

*The Reader concludes*                      The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 146**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 146, found in the red Prayer Book on page 803.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1     Hallelujah!  
      Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
      I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
      I will sing praises to my God while I have my  
              being.
  
- 2     Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of  
              earth, \*  
      for there is no help in them.

- 3 When they breathe their last, they return  
to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for  
their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that  
is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9    The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
      your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
      Hallelujah!

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader*           Alleluia.

*People*           Alleluia.

*Reader*           Open my eyes, O Lord, \*  
                      that I may see the wonders of your law.

*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.

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love

your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.