

## YEAR 1, JANUARY 8: EVENING PRAYER

*The Eve of the First Sunday after the Epiphany has its own proper.*

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Reph'idim

REF-uh-dim

Mas'sah

MAS-ah

Mer'ibah

MAIR-uh-bah

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from Exodus**

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the LORD to the proof?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do

with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Mas'sah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” *The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

### **For use with the Second Lesson**

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

Caper'na-um

kuh-PUR-nay-uhm

Jude'a

juu-DEE-uh

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Gospel according to John**

So Jesus came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Caper'na-um there was

an official whose son was ill. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was living. So he asked them the hour when he began to mend, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live”; and he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Jude'a to Galilee.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.