

YEAR 1, EPIPHANY 8 FRIDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers in their generations. The LORD apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and were men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and proclaiming prophecies; leaders of the people in their deliberations and in understanding of learning for the people, wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, and set forth verses in writing; rich men furnished with resources, living peaceably in their habitations—all these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There are some of them who have left a name, so that men declare their praise. And there are some who have no memorial, who have perished as though they had not lived; they have become as though they had not been born, and so have their children after them. But these were men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their prosperity will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance to their children's

children. Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their posterity will continue for ever, and their glory will not be blotted out.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 149:1–5

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 149, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 807.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

1. Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Give me understanding, O Lord, *
and I shall keep your law with all my
heart.

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 Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple; and when he had looked round at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it.

When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples

heard it. And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned

the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; and he would not allow any one to carry anything through the temple. And he

taught, and said to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?

But you have made it a den of robbers.” And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and sought a way to destroy him; for they feared him, because all the

multitude was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came they went out of the city. As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, “Master, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered.” And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.