

YEAR 1, EPIPHANY 8, SATURDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

I will praise thy name continually, and will sing praise with thanksgiving. My prayer was heard, for thou didst save me from destruction and rescue me from an evil plight. Therefore I will give thanks to thee and praise thee, and I will bless the name of the LORD. While I was still young, before I went on my travels, I sought wisdom openly in my prayer. Before the temple I asked for her, and I will search for her to the last. From blossom to ripening grape my heart delighted in her; my foot entered upon the straight path; from my youth I followed her steps. I inclined my ear a little and received her, and I found for myself much instruction. I made progress therein; to him who gives wisdom I will give glory. For I resolved to live according to wisdom, and I was zealous for the good; and I shall never be put to shame. My soul grappled with wisdom, and in my conduct I was strict; I spread out my hands to the heavens, and lamented my ignorance of her. I directed my soul to her, and through purification I found her. I gained understanding with her from the first, therefore I will

not be forsaken. My heart was stirred to seek her,
therefore I have gained a good possession. The LORD
gave me a tongue as my reward, and I will praise him
with it.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 19:7–14

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 19, verses 7 through
14, found in the red Prayer Book on page 607.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9. The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for
ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
11. By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous
sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of
a great offense.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your
sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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 and his disciples came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things, or

who gave you this authority to do them?” Jesus said to them, “I will ask you a question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me.” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘From men?’”—they were afraid of the people, for all held that John was a real prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.