

## YEAR 2, EPIPHANY 1, THURSDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the First Book of Samuel**

Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines; they encamped at Ebene'zer, and the Philistines encamped at Aphek. The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who slew about four thousand men on the field of battle. And when the troops came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD put us to rout today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD here from Shiloh, that he may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies." So the people sent to Shiloh, and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phin'ehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. When the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded. And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, "What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" And when they learned that the ark

of the LORD had come to the camp, the Philistines were afraid; for they said, “A god has come into the camp.” And they said, “Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before. Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods? These are the gods who smote the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness. Take courage, and acquit yourselves like men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; acquit yourselves like men and fight.” So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home; and there was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers. And the ark of God was captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phin'ehas, were slain.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 44:23–26**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 44, verses 23 through 26, found in the red Prayer Book on page 647.

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

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? \*

Arise! do not reject us for ever.

- 24 Why have you hidden your face \*  
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?
- 25 We sink down into the dust; \*  
our body cleaves to the ground.
- 26 Rise up, and help us, \*  
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

Reader *Alleluia.*

People *Alleluia.*

Reader All of you who were baptized into  
Christ; \*  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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.

A leper came to Jesus beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.”

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I will; be clean.” And

immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And he sternly charged him, and sent him away

at once, and said to him, “See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer

for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people.” But he went out and began to

talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out

in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.