YEAR 1, EPIPHANY 5, THURSDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Genesis

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 128

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 128 found in the red Prayer Book on page 783.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

The Reader says

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.
People Alleluia.
Reader Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.
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 arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and would not have any one know it; yet he could not be hid. But immediately a woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a

Greek, a Syrophoeni'cian by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children first be fed, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this saying you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home, and found the child lying in bed, and the demon gone.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.