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None

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The Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-5

Reader 1: A Reading from Genesis

Reader 1: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

Reader 2: the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,

Reader 1: while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Reader 2: Then God said,

Reader 1: "Let there be light";

Reader 2: and there was light.

Reader 1: And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Reader 2: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

Reader 1: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader 1: The Word of the Lord

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Priest: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

Reader 1: "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Priest: In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,

Reader 1: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

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The Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Reader 1: A Reading from First Samuel

Reader 1: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called,

Priest: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Reader 1: and he said,

Reader 2: "Here I am!"

Reader 1: and ran to Eli, and said,

Reader 2: "Here I am, for you called me."

Reader 1: But he said,

Reader 2: "I did not call; lie down again."

Reader 1: So he went and lay down. The LORD called again,

Priest: "Samuel!"

Reader 1: Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,

Reader 2: "Here I am, for you called me."

Reader 1: But he said,

Priest: "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Reader 1: Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said,

Reader 2: "Here I am, for you called me."

Reader 1: Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel,

Priest: "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, `Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

Reader 1: So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before,

Priest: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Reader 1: And Samuel said,

Reader 2: "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader 1: The Word of the Lord

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The Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reader 1: A Reading from Jonah

Reader 1: The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,

Reader 2: "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

Reader 1: So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out,

Reader 2: "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

Reader 1: And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader 1: The Word of the Lord

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The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Priest: Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

Reader 1: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

Priest: But Jesus rebuked him, saying,

Reader 2: "Be silent, and come out of him!"

Priest: And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another,

Reader 1: "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

Priest: At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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None

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The Old Testament

2 Kings 5:1-14

Reader 1: Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress,

Reader 2: "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

Reader 1: So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said,

Reader 2: "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

Reader 1: He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read,

Reader 2: "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

Reader 1: When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said,

Reader 2: "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

Reader 1: But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king,

Reader 2: "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

Reader 1: So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying,

Reader 2: "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

Reader 1: But Naaman became angry and went away, saying,

Reader 2: "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?"

Reader 1: He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him,

Reader 2: "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

Reader 1: So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

Priest: A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him,

Reader 2: "If you choose, you can make me clean."

Priest: Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him,

Reader 2: "I do choose. Be made clean!"

Priest: Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him,

Reader 2: "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Priest: But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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None

Ash Wednesday

None

3/1/09

None

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The Old Testament

Reader 1: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him,

Reader 2: "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

Reader 1: Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

Reader 2: "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Reader 1: God said to Abraham,

Reader 2: "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Priest: Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said,

Reader 1: "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Priest: He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

Reader 1: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

3/22/09

The Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-17

Reader 1: Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

Men: You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

Reader 1: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Women: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Men: Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Reader 1: But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Women: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Men: You shall not murder.

Women: You shall not commit adultery.

Men: You shall not steal.

Women: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Men: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Gospel

John 2:13-22

Priest: The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves,

Reader 2: "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

Priest: His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him,

Reader 1: "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Priest: Jesus answered them,

Reader 2: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Priest: The Jews then said,

Reader 1: "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"

Priest: But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.