

The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany February 12, 2012

- *Please arrive at least five minutes before 9am and sit in one of the front two rows near the pulpit.*
- *First reader: please go to the pulpit while the children are returning to their seats after the Choir Anthem.*
- *Second reader: please go to the pulpit immediately following the First Reading.*
- *After you read, go ahead and sit wherever you prefer. Thanks!*

The Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 5:1-14*

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and

stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1*

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. ^{11:1} Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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- A Please rise for the Alleluia and Verse

Psalm

Psalm 30 (antiphon: v. 2)



O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
I will extol you, O Lord, for you have |
drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over
me.
O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
O Lord, you have brought up my soul | from
Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among
those who go down | to the pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his
favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy
comes with the | morning.
As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,*
"I shall nev- | er be moved."
By your favor, O Lord, you made my
mountain | stand strong;*
you hid your face; I | was dismayed.
To you, O | Lord, I cry,*
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:
"What profit is there in my death, if I go
down | to the pit?"
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of
your | faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be merci- | ful to me!*
O Lord, be my | helper!"
You have turned for me my mourning into |
dancing;*
you have loosed my sackcloth and
clothed me with | gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not
be | silent.*
O Lord my God, I will givethanks to you
for- | ever!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:40-45



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰And a leper came to [Jesus], imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴²And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ⁴⁵But 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 desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.