

JULY 8, PRISCILLA AND AQUILA, COWORKERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Aq'uila	AK-wi-luh
Priscilla	pri-SIL-uh
Cen'chre-ae	SEN-kri-ee
Acha'ia	uh-KIGH-uh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aq'uila, a native of Pontus, lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them; and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them, and they worked, for by trade they were tentmakers. And he argued in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks. After this Paul stayed many days longer, and then took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aq'uila. At Cen'chre-ae he cut his hair, for he had a vow. And they came to

Ephesus, and he left them there; but he himself went into the synagogue and argued with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined; but on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus. Now a Jew named Apol'los, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, well versed in the scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aq'uila heard him, they took him and expounded to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wished to cross to Acha'ia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully confuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:33–40

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 33 through 40, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 766.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119 as found in the service bulletin.

33. Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your
law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35. Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36. Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37. Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38. Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
39. Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
40. Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Let your light so shine before men, *
that they may see your good works and give
glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.