

**SEPTEMBER 3,
PHOEBE, DEACON: MASS**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Cen'chre-ae

Aq'uila

Epae'netus

Ju'nias

SEN-kri-ee

AK-wi-luh

i-PEE-nuh-tuhs

JOO-ni-uhs

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church at Cen'chre-ae, that you may receive her in the Lord as befits the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a helper of many and of myself as well. Greet Prisca and Aq'uila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks; greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epae'netus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked hard among you. Greet Androni'cus and Ju'nias, my kinsmen and my fellow

prisoners; they are men of note among the apostles,
and they were in Christ before me.

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 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 Blessed are the poor in spirit, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

Please turn the page for the appointed Gospel Lesson.

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.

A dispute arose among the disciples, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves.

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.