

EASTER 3, WEDNESDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

And on that day when Stephen was stoned, a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen, and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 66:1–8

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 66, verses 1 through 8, found in the Prayer Book beginning on page 673.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 66 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

- 2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.

- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name.”

- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all
people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader This is the will of my Father, that every
one who sees the Son and believes
in him should have eternal life; *
and I will raise him up at the last 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 John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the people, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.