EASTER 4, TUESDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from The Vocabulary of the Church (1960):

Phoenicia fuh-NEE-shuh Cyre'ne sigh-REE-nee

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyre'ne, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to

look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 87

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 87 found in the red Prayer Book on page 711.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; *
 the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.
- I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
 behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
 in Zion were they born.

- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her."
- 5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * "These also were born there."
- 6 The singers and the dancers will say, * "All my fresh springs are in you."

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader My sheep hear my voice, says the

Lord, *

and I know them, and they follow me.

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.

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.