

EASTER 5, WEDNESDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

Jude'a

juu-DEE-uh

Phoenicia

fuh-NEE-shuh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down to Antioch from Jude'a and were teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, reporting the conversion of the Gentiles, and they gave great joy to all the brethren. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up,

and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.” The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 122

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 122, found in the Prayer Book beginning on page 779.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 122 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;

- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.

- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Please turn the page and lead the Gospel Acclamation.

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.

At the supper before the passover, Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who

abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.