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For use with the First Lesson

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

Cilicia si-LISH-ee-uh/si-LISH-uh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsab'bas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, with the following letter: "The brethren, both the apostles and the elders, to the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greeting. Since we have heard that some persons from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Si'las, who themselves

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will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from unchastity. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.” So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. And when they read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation. And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, exhorted the brethren with many words and strengthened them. And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brethren to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.
The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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Psalm 57: 6–11

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 57, verses 6 through 11, found in the red Prayer Book on page 664.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.
- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is
fixed; *
I will sing and make melody.
- 8 Wake up, my spirit;
awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will waken the dawn.
- 9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; *
I will sing praise to you among the nations.
- 10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the
heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

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11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
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The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader I have called you friends, *
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

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, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this,

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that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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