

EASTER 6, WEDNESDAY: MASS

For use with the First Lesson

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

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| Areop'agus | ar-i-AHP-uh-gus |
| Di'onysius | DIGH-oh-nish-ee-us |
| Areop'agite | ar-i-AHP-uh-gight |
| Dam'aris | DAM-uh-ris |

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and receiving a command for Si'las and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed. So Paul, standing in the middle of the Areop'agus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he

himself gives to all men life and breath and everything. And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead." Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." So Paul went out from among them. But some men joined him and believed, among them Di'onysius the Areop'agite and a woman named Dam'aris and others with them. After this he left Athens and went to Corinth.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 148: 1–6

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 148, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 805.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 148 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader When the Spirit of truth comes, *
he will guide you into all truth, says the
Lord.

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 have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on

his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.