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For use with the First Lesson

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

Bernice

bur-NEES

Caesare'a

ses-uh-REE-uh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now when some days had passed after Paul had appealed to Caesar, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesare'a to welcome Festus. And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a man left prisoner by Felix; and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews gave information about him, asking for sentence against him. I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up any one before the accused met the accusers face to face, and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him. When therefore they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day

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took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought in. When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed; but they had certain points of dispute with him about their own superstition and about one Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wished to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them. But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be held until I could send him to Caesar.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 103: 1–6

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 103, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 733.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

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- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

Please turn the page to lead the Gospel Acclamation.

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The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the
Father will send in my name, *
will teach you everything, and remind
you of all that I have said to you, says
the Lord.

People Alleluia.

The Reader then 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.

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples
by the Sea of Tibe'ri-as; and he revealed himself in this
way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,

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Nathan'a-el of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zeb'edee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come

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and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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