

## YEAR B, EASTER 5, SUNDAY: MASS

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Can'da-ce

KAN-duh-see

Azo'tus

uh-ZOH-tus

Caesare'a

ses-uh-REE-uh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert road. And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can'dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and

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asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless some one guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this: “As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azo'tus,

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and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

*The Reader concludes*                      The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 66:1–8**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 66, verses 1 through 8, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 673.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1    Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
      sing the glory of his Name;  
      sing the glory of his praise.
  
- 2    Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! \*  
      because of your great strength your enemies  
      cringe before you.
  
- 3    All the earth bows down before you, \*  
      sings to you, sings out your Name.”

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- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all  
people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

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*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

## **A Reading from the First Letter of John**

Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

*The Reader concludes*

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## The Gospel Acclamation

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* If anyone loves me, he will keep my keep  
my word, \*  
and my Father will love him, and we will  
come to him.

*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.

Jesus said to his disciples, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you

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for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.”

*The Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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