# YEAR C, EASTER 4, SUNDAY: MASS

## For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from The Vocabulary of the Church (1960):

Pa'phos	PAY-fahs
Pamphyl'ia	pam-FIL-ee-uh
Pisid'ia	puh-SID-ee-uh

## The First Lesson. The Reader begins A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now Paul and his company set sail from Pa'phos, and came to Perga in Pamphyl'ia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they passed on from Perga and came to Antioch of Pisid'ia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel, and you that fear God, listen. Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the

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message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him. Though they could charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee.' " The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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# Psalm 100

The Reader says Please join me in reading Psalm 100, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 729. (The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*
   he himself has made us, and we are his;
   we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
  his mercy is everlasting; \*
  and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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## The Second Lesson. The Reader begins A Reading from the Revelation to John

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst

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any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

#### The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.	
Reader	Alleluia.
People	Alleluia.
Reader	I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; *
	I know my sheep, and my sheep know
	me.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

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IN YEAR B, WE INCLUDE JOHN 10:17–21, AND IN YEAR C, WE INCLUDE JOHN 10:31–42 SO THAT OVER THREE YEARS WE HEAR ALL OF CHAPTER 10.

# The Holy Gospel

The Minister says People Minister The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
✤ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## People

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of these do you stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not

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for a good work that we stone you but for blasphemy; because you, being a man, make yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came (and scripture cannot be broken), do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Again they tried to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John at first baptized, and there he remained. And many came to him; and they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." And many believed in him there. The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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