

**JUNE 5, BONIFACE,
ARCHBISHOP OF MAINZ, MISSIONARY
TO GERMANY, AND MARTYR, JUNE 5, 574: MASS**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Ni'ger

NIGH-jur

Mile'tus

migh-LEE-tuhs

Ephesus

EF-fuh-sis

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

And from Mile'tus Paul sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which befell me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance to God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going

to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit, not knowing what shall befall me there; except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that all you among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 115: 1–9

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 115, verses 1 through 9, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 757.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 115 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your
faithfulness.

- 2 Why should the heathen say, *
“Where then is their God?”

- 3 Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.

- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.

- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;
- 6 They have ears but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.
- 8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader Blessed are those who endure trial, *
for when they have stood the test,
they will receive the crown of life.

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 Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to

Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.