

EASTER 7, SATURDAY: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier that guarded him. After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews; and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brethren, though I had done nothing against the people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.” And he lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered.

The Reader concludes *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm 11:4–8

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 11, verses 4 through 8, found in the Prayer Book on page 596.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple; *
the LORD's throne is in heaven.
- 5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; *
his piercing eye weighs our worth.
- 6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the
wicked, *
but those who delight in violence he abhors.
- 7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and
burning sulphur; *
a scorching wind shall be their lot.
- 8 For the LORD is righteous;
he delights in righteous deeds; *
and the just shall see his face.

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 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.

Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” The saying spread abroad among the brethren that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus

did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.