

## YEAR 1, PROPER 8, TUESDAY: EVENING PRAYER

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Ba'laam

BAY-luhm

Ba'lak

BAY-lack

Kir'iath-hu'zoth

KIR-i-ath-HYUU-zahth

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from Numbers**

So Ba'laam rose in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. But God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the ass, and his two servants were with him. And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the road, and went into the field; and Ba'laam struck the ass, to turn her into the road. Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she pushed against the wall, and pressed

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Ba'laam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. Then the angel of the LORD went ahead, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Ba'laam; and Ba'laam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with his staff. Then the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said to Ba'laam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" And Ba'laam said to the ass, "Because you have made sport of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you." And the ass said to Ba'laam, "Am I not your ass, upon which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Was I ever accustomed to do so to you?" And he said, "No." Then the LORD opened the eyes of Ba'laam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your ass these three times? Behold, I have come forth to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me; and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have slain you and let her live." Then Ba'laam said to the angel of the LORD, "I

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have sinned, for I did not know that thou didst stand in the road against me. Now therefore, if it is evil in thy sight, I will go back again.” And the angel of the LORD said to Ba'laam, “Go with the men; but only the word which I bid you, that shall you speak.” So Ba'laam went on with the princes of Ba'lak. When Ba'lak heard that Ba'laam had come, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, on the boundary formed by the Arnon, at the extremity of the boundary. And Ba'lak said to Ba'laam, “Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?” Ba'laam said to Ba'lak, “Lo, I have come to you! Have I now any power at all to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that must I speak.” Then Ba'laam went with Ba'lak, and they came to Kir'iath-hu'zoth. And Ba'lak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Ba'laam and to the princes who were with him.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## For use with the Second Lesson

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

Prophecy

PRAH-fi-sigh

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and asked him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away to their council, and they said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” And they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” And they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

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