

YEAR 1, PROPER 11, WEDNESDAY: MORNING PRAYER

For use with the First Lesson

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

Na'bal	NAY-bahl
Palti	PAL-tigh
Ahin'o-am	uh-HIN-o-am
Jezreel	JEZ-reel
Mi'chal	MIGH-kuhl
Palti	PAL-tigh
La'ish	LAY-ish
Gallim	GAL-im

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

When Ab'igail saw David, she made haste, and alighted from the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed to the ground. She fell at his feet and said, “Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; pray let your handmaid speak in your ears, and hear the words of your handmaid. Let not my lord regard this ill-natured fellow, Na'bal; for as his name is, so is he; Na'bal is his name, and folly is with him; but I your

handmaid did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. Now then, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, seeing the LORD has restrained you from bloodguilt, and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be as Na'bal. And now let this present which your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. Pray forgive the trespass of your handmaid; for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the LORD; and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. If men rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living in the care of the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. And when the LORD has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, my lord shall have no cause of grief, or pangs of conscience, for having shed blood without cause or for my lord taking vengeance himself. And when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your handmaid.” And David said to Ab'igail, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be

you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from avenging myself with my own hand! For as surely as the LORD the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had made haste and come to meet me, truly by morning there had not been left to Na'bal so much as one male.” Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; and he said to her, “Go up in peace to your house; see, I have hearkened to your voice, and I have granted your petition.” And Ab'igail came to Na'bal; and, lo, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Na'bal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she told him nothing at all until the morning light. And in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Na'bal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. And about ten days later the LORD smote Na'bal; and he died. When David heard that Na'bal was dead, he said, “Blessed be the LORD who has avenged the insult I received at the hand of Na'bal, and has kept back his servant from evil; the LORD has returned the evil-doing of Na'bal upon his own head.” Then David sent and wooed Ab'igail, to make her his wife. And when the servants of David came to Ab'igail at Carmel, they said to her, “David has sent us to you to take you to him as his

wife.” And she rose and bowed with her face to the ground, and said, “Behold, your handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.” And Ab'igail made haste and rose and mounted on an ass, and her five maidens attended her; she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. David also took Ahin'o-am of Jezreel; and both of them became his wives. Saul had given Mi'chal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of La'ish, who was of Gallim.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

For use with the Second Lesson

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

Ico'nium	igh-KO-ni-uhm
Derbe	DUR-be
Lystra	LIS-truh
Attali'a	at-uh-LIGH-uh

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But Jews came there from Antioch and Ico'nium; and having persuaded the people, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, he

rose up and entered the city; and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Ico'nium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. Then they passed through Pisid'ia, and came to Pamphyl'ia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attali'a; and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they remained no little time with the disciples.

The Reader concludes

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