

**YEAR 1, PROPER 11, WEDNESDAY:  
EVENING PRAYER**

**For use with the First Lesson**

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

A'i	AY-igh
E'bal	EE-bal
Ger'izim	GAIR-uh-zim (hard “G”)

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Book of Joshua**

But the king of A'i they took alive, and brought him to Joshua. When Israel had finished slaughtering all the inhabitants of A'i in the open wilderness where they pursued them and all of them to the very last had fallen by the edge of the sword, all Israel returned to A'i, and smote it with the edge of the sword. And all who fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand, all the people of A'i. For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of A'i. Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took as their booty, according to the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua. So Joshua

burned A'i, and made it for ever a heap of ruins, as it is to this day. And he hanged the king of A'i on a tree until evening; and at the going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised over it a great heap of stones, which stands there to this day. Then Joshua built an altar in Mount E'bal to the LORD, the God of Israel, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, “an altar of unhewn stones, upon which no man has lifted an iron tool”; and they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. And all Israel, sojourner as well as homeborn, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Ger'izim and half of them in front of Mount E'bal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that

Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark**

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care if we perish?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.