

**YEAR 1, PROPER 12, WEDNESDAY:
EVENING PRAYER**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Eg'lon	EGG-lahn
Am'monites	AM-ah-nights
Amal'ekites	uh-MAL-uh-kights
E'hud	EE-huhd
Ge'ra	GEE-ruh (hard “G”)
Se-i'rah	see-IGH-ruh
E'phraim	EE-fray-im

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Judges

And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD strengthened Eg'lon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. He gathered to himself the Am'monites and the Amal'ekites, and went and defeated Israel; and they took possession of the city of palms. And the people of Israel served Eg'lon

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the king of Moab eighteen years. But when the people of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, E'hud, the son of Ge'ra, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eg'lon the king of Moab. And E'hud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length; and he girded it on his right thigh under his clothes. And he presented the tribute to Eg'lon king of Moab. Now Eg'lon was a very fat man. And when E'hud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people that carried the tribute. But he himself turned back at the sculptured stones near Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. And E'hud came to him, as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And E'hud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. And E'hud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly; and the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the dirt came out. Then E'hud went out into the vestibule, and closed the doors of the roof chamber

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upon him, and locked them. When he had gone, the servants came; and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, “He is only relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber.” And they waited till they were utterly at a loss; but when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them; and there lay their lord dead on the floor. E'hud escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the sculptured stones, and escaped to Se-i'rah. When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of E'phraim; and the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, having him at their head. And he said to them, “Follow after me; for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand.” So they went down after him, and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and allowed not a man to pass over. And they killed at that time about ten thousand of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped. So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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Beth-sa'ida

beth-SAY-i-duh

Gennes'aret

geh-NES-uh-ret (hard “G”)

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Beth-sa'ida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw him, and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for

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they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret, and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets to any place where they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or country, they laid the sick in the market places, and besought him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.

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