

**YEAR 1, PROPER 13, WEDNESDAY:
MORNING PRAYER**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Zi'ba	ZIGH-buh
Ma'chir	MAY-kir
Am'miel	AM-i-el
Lo-debar	LO-di-bar
Mephib'osheth	me-FIB-o-sheth

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

David said, “Is there still any one left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?” Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Zi'ba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, “Are you Zi'ba?” And he said, “Your servant is he.” And the king said, “Is there not still some one of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?” Zi'ba said to the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.” The king said to him, “Where is he?” And Zi'ba said to the king, “He is in the house of Ma'chir

the son of Am'miel, at Lo-debar.” Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Ma'chir the son of Am'miel, at Lo-debar. And Mephib'osheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David, and fell on his face and did obeisance. And David said, “Mephib'osheth!” And he answered, “Behold, your servant.” And David said to him, “Do not fear; for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat at my table always.” And he did obeisance, and said, “What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?” Then the king called Zi'ba, Saul's servant, and said to him, “All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's son. And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him, and shall bring in the produce, that your master's son may have bread to eat; but Mephib'osheth your master's son shall always eat at my table.” Now Zi'ba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Zi'ba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do.” So Mephib'osheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. And Mephib'osheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who dwelt in Zi'ba's house became Mephib'osheth's servants. So Mephib'osheth dwelt in

Jerusalem; for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apol'los was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God; but when some were stubborn and disbelieved, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them, taking the

disciples with him, and argued daily in the hall of Tyran'nus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.