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For use with the First Lesson

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

Tim'nite

TIM-night

E'tam

EE-tam

Le'hi

LEE-high

Ra'math-le'hi

RAY-math-LEE-high

En-hakkor'e

en-hak-KOR-ee

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Judges

And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man. After a while, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson went to visit his wife with a kid; and he said, "I will go in to my wife in the chamber." But her father would not allow him to go in. And her father said, "I really thought that you utterly hated her; so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister fairer than she? Pray take her instead." And Samson said to them, "This time I shall be blameless in regard to the Philistines, when I do

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them mischief.” So Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches; and he turned them tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. And when he had set fire to the torches, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the olive orchards. Then the Philistines said, “Who has done this?” And they said, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Tim'nite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion.” And the Philistines came up, and burned her and her father with fire. And Samson said to them, “If this is what you do, I swear I will be avenged upon you, and after that I will quit.” And he smote them hip and thigh with great slaughter; and he went down and stayed in the cleft of the rock of E'tam. Then the Philistines came up and encamped in Judah, and made a raid on Le'hi. And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” They said, “We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he did to us.” Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of E'tam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so have

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I done to them.” And they said to him, “We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines.” And Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not fall upon me yourselves.” They said to him, “No; we will only bind you and give you into their hands; we will not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock. When he came to Le’hi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the ropes which were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. And he found a fresh jawbone of an ass, and put out his hand and seized it, and with it he slew a thousand men. And Samson said, “With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of an ass have I slain a thousand men.” When he had finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand; and that place was called Ra’math-le’hi. And he was very thirsty, and he called on the LORD and said, “Thou hast granted this great deliverance by the hand of thy servant; and shall I now die of thirst, and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” And God split open the hollow place that is at Le’hi, and there came

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water from it; and when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore the name of it was called En-hak'kore; it is at Le'hi to this day. And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

For use with the Second Lesson

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Bartimae'us

bar-ti-MAY-uhs

Timae'us

ti-MAY-uhs

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

And they came to Jericho; and as Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus

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stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; rise, he is calling you.” And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Master, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

The Reader concludes

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