

YEAR 1, PROPER 19, SUNDAY: EVENING PRAYER

For use with the First Lesson

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

Plei'ades

PLEE-uh-deez

Maz'zaroath

MAZ-uh-rahth

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Job

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this. Where is the way to the

dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,

that you may take it to its territory and that you may

discern the paths to its home? You know, for you

were born then, and the number of your days is great!

Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or

have you seen the storehouses of the hail, which I

have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of

battle and war? What is the way to the place where the

light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered

upon the earth? Who has cleft a channel for the

torrents of rain, and a way for the thunderbolt, to

bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in

which there is no man; to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground put forth grass? Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the hoarfrost of heaven? The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. Can you bind the chains of the Plei'ades, or loose the cords of Orion? Can you lead forth the Maz'zaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the clouds, or given understanding to the mists? Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cleave fast together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

For use with the Second Lesson

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

Cai'aphas

KIGH-uh-fus

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel According to John

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him; but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council, and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on thus, every one will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” But one of them, Cai'aphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all; you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they took counsel how to put him to

death. Jesus therefore no longer went about openly among the Jews, but went from there to the country near the wilderness, to a town called E'phraim; and there he stayed with the disciples. Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That he will not come to the feast?" Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if any one knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.