

YEAR 1, PROPER 20, SATURDAY: EVENING PRAYER

For use with the First Lesson

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

Hosea	hoh-ZAY-uh
Be-e'ri	bee-EE-righ
Jo'tham	JOH-tham
A'haz	AY-haz
Uzzi'ah	uh-ZIGH-uh
Dibla'im	dib-LAY-im
Jez'reel	JEZ-ree-uhl
Je'hu	JEE-hyuu

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Hosea

The word of the LORD that came to Hosea the son of Be-e'ri, in the days of Uzzi'ah, Jo'tham, A'haz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jerobo'am the son of Jo'ash, king of Israel. When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry, for the land commits great harlotry by forsaking the LORD.” So he went and took

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Gomer the daughter of Dibla'im, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jez'reel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Je'hu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. And on that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jez'reel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Call her name Not pitied, for I will no more have pity on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will deliver them by the LORD their God; I will not deliver them by bow, nor by sword, nor by war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen." When she had weaned Not pitied, she conceived and bore a son. And the LORD said, "Call his name Not my people, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Sons of the living God." And the people of Judah and the people of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head; and they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jez'reel. Say

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to your brother, “My people,” and to your sister, “She has obtained pity.”

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The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

The Reader concludes

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