

## YEAR 1, PROPER 22, TUESDAY: EVENING PRAYER

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Mo'resheth	MOH-ri-sheth
Jo'tham	JOH-tham
A'haz	AY-haz
Beth-le-aph'rah	beth-luh-AF-ruh
Sha'phir	SHAY-fear
Za'anan	ZAY-uh-nahn
Beth-e'zel	beth-EE-zel
Mar'oth	MAIR-ath
La'chish	LAY-kish
Ach'zib	AK-zib
Mare'shah	muh-REE-shah
Adul'lam	uh-DUHL-uhm

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Micah**

The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Mo'resheth in the days of Jo'tham, A'haz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning

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Sama'ria and Jerusalem. Hear, you peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and all that is in it; and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For behold, the LORD is coming forth out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains will melt under him and the valleys will be cleft, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Sama'ria? And what is the sin of the house of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Sama'ria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards; and I will pour down her stones into the valley, and uncover her foundations. All her images shall be beaten to pieces, all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay waste; for from the hire of a harlot she gathered them, and to the hire of a harlot they shall return. For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches. For her wound is incurable; and it has come to Judah, it has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem. Tell it not in Gath, weep not at all; in

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Beth-le-aph'rah roll yourselves in the dust. Pass on your way, inhabitants of Sha'phir, in nakedness and shame; the inhabitants of Za'an'an do not come forth; the wailing of Beth-e'zel shall take away from you its standing place. For the inhabitants of Mar'oth wait anxiously for good, because evil has come down from the LORD to the gate of Jerusalem. Harness the steeds to the chariots, inhabitants of La'chish; you were the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion, for in you were found the transgressions of Israel. Therefore you shall give parting gifts to Mo'resheth-gath; the houses of Ach'zib shall be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel. I will again bring a conqueror upon you, inhabitants of Mare'shah; the glory of Israel shall come to Adul'lam. Make yourselves bald and cut off your hair, for the children of your delight; make yourselves as bald as the eagle, for they shall go from you into exile.

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The Word of the Lord.

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**A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew**

And getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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