

YEAR 2, PROPER 4, WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Deuteronomy

“Everything that I command you you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to it or take from it. If a prophet arises among you, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder which he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or to that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him, and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and cleave to him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to make you leave

YEAR 2, PROPER 4, WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER
DEUTERONOMY 12:32–13:18*; GALATIANS 2:11–21

*WE READ THE BEGINNING VERSE (DEUTERONOMY 12:32) AND THE LAST SECTION OF THE
“WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY” (NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE WITH THE APOCRYPHA:
REVISED STANDARD VERSION, EXPANDED EDITION, [1977], N.232.*

the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from the midst of you. “If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, entices you secretly, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which neither you nor your fathers have known, some of the gods of the peoples that are round about you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him; but you shall kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and never again do any such wickedness as this among you. If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell there, that certain base fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of the city, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which you have not

YEAR 2, PROPER 4, WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER
DEUTERONOMY 12:32–13:18*; GALATIANS 2:11–21

WE READ THE BEGINNING VERSE (DEUTERONOMY 12:32) AND THE LAST SECTION OF THE “WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY” (NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE WITH THE APOCRYPHA: REVISED STANDARD VERSION, EXPANDED EDITION, [1977], N.232.

known, then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently; and behold, if it be true and certain that such an abominable thing has been done among you, you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, destroying it utterly, all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square, and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God; it shall be a heap for ever, it shall not be built again. None of the devoted things shall cleave to your hand; that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion on you, and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, keeping all his commandments which I command you this day, and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page to the Second Lesson.

YEAR 2, PROPER 4, WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER
DEUTERONOMY 12:32–13:18*; GALATIANS 2:11–21

WE READ THE BEGINNING VERSE (DEUTERONOMY 12:32) AND THE LAST SECTION OF THE “WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY” (NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE WITH THE APOCRYPHA: REVISED STANDARD VERSION, EXPANDED EDITION, [1977], N.232.

For use with the Second Lesson

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

Ce'phas

SEE-fuhs

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

But when Ce'phas came to Antioch I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And with him the rest of the Jews acted insincerely, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their insincerity. But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Ce'phas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" We ourselves, who are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, yet who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by

YEAR 2, PROPER 4, WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER
DEUTERONOMY 12:32–13:18*; GALATIANS 2:11–21

WE READ THE BEGINNING VERSE (DEUTERONOMY 12:32) AND THE LAST SECTION OF THE "WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY" (NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE WITH THE APOCRYPHA: REVISED STANDARD VERSION, EXPANDED EDITION, [1977], N.232.

works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification were through the law, then Christ died to no purpose.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

YEAR 2, PROPER 4, WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER
DEUTERONOMY 12:32–13:18*; GALATIANS 2:11–21

WE READ THE BEGINNING VERSE (DEUTERONOMY 12:32) AND THE LAST SECTION OF THE
“WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY” (NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE WITH THE APOCRYPHA:
REVISED STANDARD VERSION, EXPANDED EDITION, [1977], N.232.