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### For use with the First Lesson

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

Na'both

NAY-bahth

Jez'reelite

JEZ-ree-uhl-ight

Jez'reel

JEZ-ree-uhl

A'hab

AY-hab

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the First Book of the Kings**

Now Na'both the Jez'reelite had a vineyard in Jez'reel, beside the palace of A'hab king of Samaria. And after this A'hab said to Na'both, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.” But Na'both said to A'hab, “The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And A'hab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Na'both the Jez'reelite had said to him; for he had said, “I will not give you the

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inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. But Jez'ebel his wife came to him, and said to him, “Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?” And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Na'both the Jez'reelite, and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it’; and he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” And Jez'ebel his wife said to him, “Do you now govern Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Na'both the Jez'reelite.” So she wrote letters in A'hab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who dwelt with Na'both in his city. And she wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast, and set Na'both on high among the people; and set two base fellows opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, ‘You have cursed God and the king.’ Then take him out, and stone him to death.” And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jez'ebel had sent word to them . . . Then they sent to Jez'ebel, saying, “Na'both has been stoned; he is dead.” As soon as Jez'ebel heard that Na'both had

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been stoned and was dead, Jez'ebel said to A'hab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Na'both the Jez'reelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Na'both is not alive, but dead." And as soon as A'hab heard that Na'both was dead, A'hab arose to go down to the vineyard of Na'both the Jez'reelite, to take possession of it.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 5:1–6**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 5, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 588.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1    Give ear to my words, O LORD; \*  
     consider my meditation.
  
- 2    Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my  
     God, \*  
     for I make my prayer to you.

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- 3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch  
for you.
- 4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in  
wickedness, \*  
and evil cannot dwell with you.
- 5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those who work wickedness.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you  
abhor.

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## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Open my eyes, O Lord, \*  
that I may see the wonders of you law.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your

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cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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