

YEAR 2, PROPER 11, SATURDAY: EVENING PRAYER

For use with the First Lesson

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

Amal'ekites

uh-MAL-uh-kights

obeisance

oh-BAY-sens/oh-BEE-sens

Gilbo'a

gil-BOH-uh (hard “G”)

Illyr'icum

i-LEAR-i-kuhm

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amal'ekites, David remained two days in Ziklag; and on the third day, behold, a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes rent and earth upon his head. And when he came to David, he fell to the ground and did obeisance. David said to him, “Where do you come from?” And he said to him, “I have escaped from the camp of Israel.” And David said to him, “How did it go? Tell me.” And he answered, “The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead.” Then David said to the young man who told him, “How do you

know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?” And the young man who told him said, “By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilbo'a; and there was Saul leaning upon his spear; and lo, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, ‘Here I am.’ And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ I answered him, ‘I am an Amal'ekite.’ And he said to me, ‘Stand beside me and slay me; for anguish has seized me, and yet my life still lingers.’ So I stood beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen; and I took the crown which was on his head and the armlet which was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord.” Then David took hold of his clothes, and rent them; and so did all the men who were with him; and they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. And David said to the young man who told him, “Where do you come from?” And he answered, “I am the son of a sojourner, an Amal'ekite.” David said to him, “How is it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the LORD’S anointed?” Then David called one of the young men and said, “Go, fall upon him.” And he

smote him so that he died. And David said to him,
“Your blood be upon your head; for your own mouth
has testified against you, saying, ‘I have slain the
LORD’S anointed.’ ”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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

Macedo'nia

mas-uh-DOH-nee-uh

Acha'ia

uh-KAY-yuh

Jude'a

juu-DEE-uh

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem with aid
for the saints. For Macedo'nia and Acha'ia have been
pleased to make some contribution for the poor
among the saints at Jerusalem; they were pleased to do
it, and indeed they are in debt to them, for if the
Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings,
they ought also to be of service to them in material
blessings. When therefore I have completed this, and
have delivered to them what has been raised, I shall go

on by way of you to Spain; and I know that when I come to you I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ. I appeal to you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Jude'a, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.