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### For use with the First Lesson

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

Ahi'kam

uh-HIGH-kam

Sha'phan

SHAY-fan

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. The priests and the prophets said to the princes and to all the people concerning Jeremiah, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will repent of the evil which he has pronounced against

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you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.” Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.” But the hand of Ahi'kam the son of Sha'phan was with Jeremiah so that he was not given over to the people to be put to death.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 140:1–5**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 140, verses 1 through 5, found in the red Prayer Book on page 796.”

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

1    Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; \*  
     protect me from the violent,

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- 2 Who devise evil in their hearts \*  
and stir up strife all day long.
- 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;\*  
adder's poison is under their lips.
- 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the  
wicked; \*  
protect me from the violent,  
who are determined to trip me up.
- 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me  
and stretched out a net of cords; \*  
they have set traps for me along the path.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; \*  
You have the words of everlasting life.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

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## 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.

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus; and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist, he has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him.” For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison, for the sake of Hero'di-as, his brother Philip’s wife; because John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Hero'dias danced before the company, and pleased Herod, so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” And the king was sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter and

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given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.  
And his disciples came and took the body and buried  
it; and they went and told Jesus.

*The Minister says*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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