

**YEAR 2, PROPER 13, WEDNESDAY:
MORNING PRAYER**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Beth-shit'tah	beth-SHIT-tuh
Zer'erah	ZER-ruh-ruh
A'bel-meho'lah	AY-buhl-me-HOH-lah
Naph'tali	NAF-tuh-ligh
Manas'seh	muh-NAS-uh
E'phraim	EE-fray-uhm
Abi-e'zer	ab-i-EE-zur
Penu'el	pi-NYUU-el
Beth-bar'ah	beth-BAR-uh
Or'eb	OR-eb
Ze'ëb	ZEE-eb
Ze'bah	ZEE-bah
Zalmun'na	zal-muhn-uh
No'bah	NOH-buh
Jog'behah	JAHG-buh-huh
Her'es	HAIR-ez

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The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Judges

So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars, holding in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow; and they cried, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” They stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the army ran; they cried out and fled. When they blew the three hundred trumpets, the LORD set every man’s sword against his fellow and against all the army; and the army fled as far as Beth-shit'tah toward Zer'erah, as far as the border of A'bel-meho'lah, by Tab'bath. And the men of Israel were called out from Naph'tali and from Asher and from all Manas'seh, and they pursued after Mid'ian. And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of E'phraim, saying, “Come down against the Mid'ianites and seize the waters against them, as far as Beth-bar'ah, and also the Jordan.” So all the men of E'phraim were called out, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-bar'ah, and

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also the Jordan. And they took the two princes of Mid'ian, Or'eb and Ze'ëb; they killed Or'eb at the rock of Or'eb, and Ze'ëb they killed at the wine press of Ze'ëb, as they pursued Mid'ian; and they brought the heads of Or'eb and Ze'ëb to Gideon beyond the Jordan. And the men of E'phraim said to him, "What is this that you have done to us, not to call us when you went to fight with Mid'ian?" And they upbraided him violently. And he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleanings of the grapes of E'phraim better than the vintage of Abi-e'zer? God has given into your hands the princes of Mid'ian, Or'eb and Ze'ëb; what have I been able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger against him was abated, when he had said this. And Gideon came to the Jordan and passed over, he and the three hundred men who were with him, faint yet pursuing. So he said to the men of Succoth, "Pray, give loaves of bread to the people who follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Ze'bah and Zalmun'na, the kings of Mid'ian." And the officials of Succoth said, "Are Ze'bah and Zalmun'na already in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?" And Gideon said, "Well then, when the LORD has given Ze'bah and Zalmun'na into my hand, I will flail your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and

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with briers.” And from there he went up to Penu'el, and spoke to them in the same way; and the men of Penu'el answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. And he said to the men of Penu'el, “When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.” Now Ze'bah and Zalmun'na were in Kar'kor with their army, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of all the army of the people of the East; for there had fallen a hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword. And Gideon went up by the caravan route east of No'bah and Jog'behah, and attacked the army; for the army was off its guard. And Ze'bah and Zalmun'na fled; and he pursued them and took the two kings of Mid'ian, Ze'bah and Zalmun'na, and he threw all the army into a panic. Then Gideon the son of Jo'ash returned from the battle by the ascent of Her'es. And he caught a young man of Succoth, and questioned him; and he wrote down for him the officials and elders of Succoth, seventy-seven men. And he came to the men of Succoth, and said, “Behold Ze'bah and Zalmun'na, about whom you taunted me, saying, ‘Are Ze'bah and Zalmun'na already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are faint?’ ” And he took the elders of the city and he took thorns of the wilderness and briers and with them taught the men of

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Succoth. And he broke down the tower of Penu'el, and slew the men of the city.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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 Gospel according to John

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who

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baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Ce’phas” (which means Peter).

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

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