

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

For use with the First Lesson

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

He'res	HEE-reez
Penu'el	pi-NYUU-el
Je'ther	JEE-ther
Jerubba'al	jer-uh-BAY-uhl
Abiez'rites	ab-i-EZ-rights
Ba'als	BAY-uhls
Ba'al-be'rith	BAY-uhl-BEE-rith

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Judges

Then Gideon the son of Jo'ash returned from the battle by the ascent of He'res. 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 Succoth. And he broke down the tower of Penu'el, and slew the men of the city. Then he said to Ze'bah and Zalmun'na, "Where are the men whom you slew at Ta'bor?" They answered, "As you are, so were they, every one of them; they resembled the sons of a king." And he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother; as the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not slay you." And he said to Je'ther his first-born, "Rise, and slay them." But the youth did not draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he was still a youth. Then Ze'bah and Zalmun'na said, "Rise yourself, and fall upon us; for as the man is, so is his strength." And Gideon arose and slew Ze'bah and Zalmun'na; and he took the crescents that were on the necks of their camels. Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also; for you have delivered us out of the hand of Mid'ian." Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you." And Gideon said to them, "Let me make a request of you; give me every man of you the earrings of his spoil." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ish'maelites.) And they answered, "We will willingly give them." And they

spread a garment, and every man cast in it the earrings of his spoil. And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold; besides the crescents and the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Mid'ian, and besides the collars that were about the necks of their camels. And Gideon made an e'phod of it and put it in his city, in O'phrah; and all Israel played the harlot after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family. So Mid'ian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon. Jerubba'al the son of Jo'ash went and dwelt in his own house. Now Gideon had seventy sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives. And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he called his name Abim'elech. And Gideon the son of Jo'ash died in a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Jo'ash his father, at O'phrah of the Abiez'rites. As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel turned again and played the harlot after the Ba'als, and made Ba'al-be'rith their god. And the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had rescued them from the hand of all their enemies on every side; and they did not show kindness

to the family of Jerubba'al (that is, Gideon) in return for all the good that he had done to Israel.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

For use with the Second Lesson

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

Beth-sa'ida

beth-SAY-i-duh

Nathan'a-el

nuh-THAN-ay-uhl

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Beth-sa'ida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathan'a-el said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathan'a-el said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you,

when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathan'a-el answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.”

And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.