

YEAR 2, PROPER 14, MONDAY: EVENING PRAYER

For use with the First Lesson

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

Ba'al-ha'zor	BAY-uhl-HAY-zawr
E'phraim	EE-fray-im
Jon'adab	JAHN-uh-dab
Shim'e-ah	SHIM-i-uh
Ta'mar	TAY-mar
Hor'ona'im	HOR-o-NAY-im
Tal'mai	TAL-migh
Ammi'hud	uh-MIGH-huhd
Ge'shur	GEE-shur (“G” is hard)

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

After two full years Ab'salom had sheepshearers at Ba'al-ha'zor, which is near E'phraim, and Ab'salom invited all the king's sons. And Ab'salom came to the king, and said, “Behold, your servant has sheepshearers; pray let the king and his servants go with your servant.” But the king said to Ab'salom, “No, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome to you.” He pressed him, but he would not go but

gave him his blessing. Then Ab'salom said, "If not, pray let my brother Am'non go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" But Ab'salom pressed him until he let Am'non and all the king's sons go with him. Then Ab'salom commanded his servants, "Mark when Am'non's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Am'non,' then kill him. Fear not; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant." So the servants of Ab'salom did to Am'non as Ab'salom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each mounted his mule and fled. While they were on the way, tidings came to David, "Ab'salom has slain all the king's sons, and not one of them is left." Then the king arose, and rent his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants who were standing by rent their garments. But Jon'adab the son of Shim'e-ah, David's brother, said, "Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men the king's sons, for Amnon alone is dead, for by the command of Ab'salom this has been determined from the day he forced his sister Ta'mar. Now therefore let not my lord the king so take it to heart as to suppose that all the king's sons are dead; for Am'non alone is dead." But Ab'salom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, many people were

coming from the Hor'ona'im road by the side of the mountain. And Jon'adab said to the king, “Behold, the king’s sons have come; as your servant said, so it has come about.” And as soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king’s sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept; and the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly. But Ab'salom fled, and went to Tal'mai the son of Ammi'hud, king of Ge'shur. And David mourned for his son day after day. So Ab'salom fled, and went to Ge'shur, and was there three years. And the spirit of the king longed to go forth to Ab'salom; for he was comforted about Am'non, seeing he was dead.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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For use with the Second Lesson

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

Sad'ducees

SAD-ju-sees

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor.

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the

Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this

Life.” And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and taught. Now the high priest came and those who were with him and called together the council and all the senate of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, and they returned and reported, “We found the prison securely locked and the sentries standing at the doors, but when we opened it we found no one inside.” Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And some one came and told them, “The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.