

## YEAR 2, PROPER 14, SATURDAY: EVENING PRAYER

### For use with the First Lesson

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

Zi'ba	ZIGH-buh
Mephib'osheth	me-FIB-oh-sheth
obeisance	oh-BAY-sens/oh-BEE-sens
Bahu'rim	bah-HYUU-rim
Shim'e-i	SHIM-e-igh
Ge'ra	GEE-rah (hard “G”)
Abi'shai	ah-BIGH-shigh
Zerui'ah	zer-ruu-IGH-uh
Ahith'ophel	uh-HITH-o-fel
Hu'shai	HYUU-shigh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel**

When David had passed a little beyond the summit, Zi'ba the servant of Mephib'osheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, bearing two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred bunches of raisins, a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine. And the king said to Zi'ba, “Why have you brought these?” Zi'ba answered, “The asses are for the king’s household to

ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who faint in the wilderness to drink.” And the king said, “And where is your master’s son?” Zi’ba said to the king, “Behold, he remains in Jerusalem; for he said, ‘Today the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father.’ ” Then the king said to Zi’ba, “Behold, all that belonged to Mephib’osheth is now yours.” And Zi’ba said, “I do obeisance; let me ever find favor in your sight, my lord the king.” When King David came to Bahu’rim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shim’e-i, the son of Ge’ra; and as he came he cursed continually. And he threw stones at David, and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And Shim’e-i said as he cursed, “Begone, begone, you man of blood, you worthless fellow! The LORD has avenged upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Ab’salom. See, your ruin is on you; for you are a man of blood.” Then Abi’shai the son of Zerui’ah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.” But the king said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zerui’ah? If he is cursing because the

LORD has said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who then shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’ ” And David said to Abi'shai and to all his servants, “Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD has bidden him. It may be that the LORD will look upon my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for this cursing of me today.” So David and his men went on the road, while Shim'e-i went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him and flung dust. And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan; and there he refreshed himself. Now Ab'salom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahith'ophel with him. And when Hu'shai the Archite, David's friend, came to Ab'salom, Hu'shai said to Ab'salom, “Long live the king! Long live the king!” And Ab'salom said to Hu'shai, “Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?” And Hu'shai said to Ab'salom, “No; for whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel have chosen, his I will be, and with him I will remain. And again, whom should I serve? Should it not be his son? As I have served your father, so I will serve you.” Then Ab'salom said to Ahith'ophel, “Give your counsel; what shall we do?”

Ahith'ophel said to Ab'salom, “Go in to your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you have made yourself odious to your father, and the hands of all who are with you will be strengthened.” So they pitched a tent for Ab'salom upon the roof; and Ab'salom went in to his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel. Now in those days the counsel which Ahith'ophel gave was as if one consulted the oracle of God; so was all the counsel of Ahith'ophel esteemed, both by David and by Ab'salom.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## **For use with the Second Lesson**

From *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Mo'loch

MOH-lahk

Re'phan

REE-fan

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Stephen said to the high priest and to the council:

“Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame

of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it he wondered at the sight; and as he drew near to look, the voice of the Lord came, ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.’ And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. And the Lord said to him, ‘Take off the shoes from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have surely seen the ill-treatment of my people that are in Egypt and heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.’ This Moses whom they refused, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ God sent as both ruler and deliverer by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. He led them out, having performed wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years. This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet from your brethren as he raised me up.’ This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living oracles to give to us. Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of

him.’ And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the works of their hands. But God turned and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: ‘Did you offer to me slain beasts and sacrifices, forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? And you took up the tent of Mo'loch, and the star of the god Re'phan, the figures which you made to worship; and I will remove you beyond Babylon.’ ”

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