**Year 2, Proper 20, Thursday: Evening Prayer**

**For use with the First Lesson**

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

Ra'moth-gil'ead RAY-mahth-GIL-ee-add

Je'hu JEE-hyuu

Jehosh'aphat ji-HASH-uh-fat

Nim'shi NIM-shigh

A'hab AY-hab

Jerobo'am jair-oh-BOH-uhm

Ne'bat NEE-bat

Ba'asha BAY-uh-shuh

Ahi'jah uh-HIGH-juh

Jez'reel JEZ-ree-uhl

Jor'am JOR-uhm

Haz'ael HAZ-ay-el

Ahazi'ah ay-huh-ZIGH-uh

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

## A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings

Then Eli'sha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, “Gird up your loins, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ra'moth-gil'ead. And when you arrive, look there for Je'hu the son of Jehosh'aphat, son of Nim'shi; and go in and bid him rise from among his fellows, and lead him to an inner chamber. Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord, I anoint you king over Israel.’ Then open the door and flee; do not tarry.” So the young man, the prophet, went to Ra'moth-gil'ead. And when he came, behold, the commanders of the army were in council; and he said, “I have an errand to you, O commander.” And Je'hu said, “To which of us all?” And he said, “To you, O commander.” So he arose, and went into the house; and the young man poured the oil on his head, saying to him, “Thus says the Lord the God of Israel, I anoint you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel. And you shall strike down the house of A'hab your master, that I may avenge on Jez'ebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord. For the whole house of A'hab shall perish; and I will cut off from A'hab every male, bond or free, in Israel. And I will make the house of A'hab like the house of Jerobo'am the son of Ne'bat, and like the house of Ba'asha the son of Ahi'jah. And the dogs shall eat Jez'ebel in the territory of Jez'reel, and none shall bury her.” Then he opened the door, and fled. When Je'hu came out to the servants of his master, they said to him, “Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?” And he said to them, “You know the fellow and his talk.” And they said, “That is not true; tell us now.” And he said, “Thus and so he spoke to me, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord, I anoint you king over Israel.’ ” Then in haste every man of them took his garment, and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet, and proclaimed, “Je'hu is king.” Thus Je'hu the son of Jehosh'aphat the son of Nim'shi conspired against Jor'am. (Now Jor'am with all Israel had been on guard at Ra'moth-gil'ead against Haz'ael king of Syria; but King Jor'am had returned to be healed in Jez'reel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Haz'ael king of Syria.) So Je'hu said, “If this is your mind, then let no one slip out of the city to go and tell the news in Jez'reel.” Then Je'hu mounted his chariot, and went to Jez'reel, for Jor'am lay there. And Ahazi'ah king of Judah had come down to visit Jor'am.

*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):

Sce'va SEE-vuh

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to pronounce the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sce'va were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, mastered all of them, and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks; and fear fell upon them all; and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Many also of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.