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For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from The Vocabulary of the Church (1960):

Nahum NAY-huhm Nin'eveh NIN-uh-vuh

El'kosh EL-kahsh

Ba'shan BAY-shan

Carmel KAHR-mel

A note to be read to the congregation before reading the Lesson:

There is a note here for me to read to you before reading the lesson. It says, "Today's lesson is the only portion of Nahum read at the Daily Office. The rest of the book tells the story of the sack of Nineveh in 612 B.C by the Medes and Babylonians."

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Nahum

An oracle concerning Nin'eveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of El'kosh. The LORD is a jealous

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God and avenging, the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger and of great might, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, he dries up all the rivers; Ba'shan and Carmel wither, the bloom of Lebanon fades. The mountains quake before him, the hills melt; the earth is laid waste before him, the world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him. The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. But with an overflowing flood he will make a full end of his adversaries, and will pursue his enemies into darkness. What do you plot against the LORD? He will make a full end; he will not take vengeance twice on his foes. Like entangled thorns they are consumed, like dry stubble. Did one not come out from you, who plotted evil against the LORD, and counseled villainy? Thus says the LORD, "Though they be strong and many, they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no

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more. And now I will break his yoke from off you and will burst your bonds asunder." The LORD has given commandment about you: "No more shall your name be perpetuated; from the house of your gods I will cut off the graven image and the molten image. I will make your grave, for you are vile."

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

For use with the Second Lesson

Adapted from The Vocabulary of the Church (1960):

Apol'los Ce'phas

uh-PAHL-uhs SEE-fuhs

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold,

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silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." So let no one boast of men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apol'los or Ce'phas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.