

**YEAR 2, PROPER 29, WEDNESDAY:  
EVENING PRAYER**

**For use with the First Lesson**

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

E'sau	EE-saw
Negeb	neh-GEB
Shephe'lah	shuh-FEE-luh
E'phraim	EE-fray-im
Gil'ead	GIL-ee-ad (hard “G”)
Sephar'ad	si-FAHR-ad
Ha'lah	HAY-lah
Zar'ephath	ZAIR-uh-fath

***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 Obadiah read in the Daily Office. The unread beginning indicts the Edomites for their behavior when the Israelites were in trouble. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament.”*

***Please turn the page to read the First Lesson.***

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Book of Obadiah**

The day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you, your deeds shall return on your own head. For as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, all the nations round about shall drink; they shall drink, and stagger, and shall be as though they had not been. But in Mount Zion there shall be those that escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of E'sau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor to the house of E'sau; for the LORD has spoken. Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount E'sau, and those of the Shephe'lah the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of E'phraim and the land of Sama'ria and Benjamin shall possess Gil'ead. The exiles in Ha'lah who are of the people of Israel shall possess Phoenicia as far as Zar'ephath; and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sephar'ad shall possess the cities of the Negeb. Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount E'sau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

*The Reader concludes    The Word of the Lord.*

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the**

**Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is

the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.