

**YEAR 1, PROPER 20, THURSDAY:
MORNING PRAYER**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Ra'moth-gilead	RAY-mahth-GIL-i-uhd
Je'hu	JEE-hyuu
Jehosh'aphat	ji-HAASHH-uh-fat
Nim'shi	NIM-shigh
Ne'bat	NEE-bat
Ba'asha	BAY-uh-shuh
Ahi'jah	uh-HIGH-juh
Haz'ael	HAZ-ay-el
Ahazi'ah	ay-huh-ZIGH-uh

The Second 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-gilead. 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-gilead. 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 Ahab 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 Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. And I will make the house of Ahab 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 Jezreel, 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 Jo’ram. (Now Jo’ram with all Israel had been on guard at Ra’moth-gilead against Haz’ael king of Syria; but King Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel 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 Jezreel.” Then Je’hu mounted his chariot, and went to Jezreel, for Jo’ram lay there. And Ahazi’ah king of Judah had come down to visit Joram.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of

God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.