

**YEAR 1, ADVENT 1, WEDNESDAY:
EVENING PRAYER**

For use with the First Lesson

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

Ba'shan

BAY-shan

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Amos

Thus says the LORD: “As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Sama'ria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed. Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob,” says the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, “that on the day I punish Israel for his transgressions, I will punish the altars of Bethel, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground. I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall come to an end,” says the LORD. “Hear this word, you cows of Ba'shan, who are in the mountain of Sama'ria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their husbands, ‘Bring, that we may drink!’ The Lord

GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks. And you shall go out through the breaches, every one straight before her; and you shall be cast forth into Harmon,” says the LORD. “Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!” says the Lord GOD.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Jesus at that very hour, but they feared the people; for they perceived that he had told this parable against them. So they watched him, and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might take hold of what he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. They asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God.

Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?”
But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them,
“Show me a coin. Whose likeness and inscription has
it?” They said, “Caesar’s.” He said to them, “Then
render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to
God the things that are God’s.” And they were not
able in the presence of the people to catch him by
what he said; but marveling at his answer they were
silent.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.