

YEAR 1, ADVENT 2, TUESDAY: EVENING PRAYER

For use with the First Lesson

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

Amazi'ah	am-uh-ZIGH-uh
Beth'el	BETH-el
Jerobo'am	jair-uh-BOH-uhm
Prophecy	PRAH-fi-sigh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Amos

Then Amazi'ah the priest of Beth'el sent to Jerobo'am king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jerobo'am shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amazi'ah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophecy there; but never again prophecy at Beth'el, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amazi'ah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the

LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’
“Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say,
‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach
against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore thus says the
LORD: ‘Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your
sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and
your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself
shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go
into exile away from its land.’ ”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

And Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the

whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.” And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.