

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from Genesis. (*Genesis 14:14-20*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and routed them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. Then he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his goods, and the women and the people. After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

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*Reader:* The reading from Deuteronomy. (*Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17*)

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*Reader:* Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and take possession of the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them. At that time I said to you, "I am not able alone to bear you; the Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude." May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as He has promised you! So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time: "Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, or the alien that is with him. You shall not be partial in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike; you shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's."

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*Reader:* The reading from Deuteronomy. (*Deuteronomy 10:14-21*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it; yet the Lord set His heart in love upon your fathers and chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as at this day. Circumcise, therefore, the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, Who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and cleave to Him, and by His Name you shall swear. He is your praise; He is your God, Who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen.

*Then, the Augmented Litany*

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