

**OCTOBER 23, SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM,
BROTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
MORNING PRAYER**

For use with the First Lesson

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

An'athoth
prophesy

AN-uh-thawth
PRAH-fi-sigh

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then thou didst show me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” But, O LORD of hosts, who judgest righteously, who triest the heart and the mind, let me see thy vengeance upon them, for to thee have I committed my cause. Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of An'athoth, who seek your life, and say, “Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD,

or you will die by our hand”—therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: “Behold, I will punish them; the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; and none of them shall be left. For I will bring evil upon the men of An'athoth, the year of their punishment.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the twelve, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to

death; and you will be hated by all for my name's sake.
But he who endures to the end will be saved.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.