

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Amos 8.4–7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

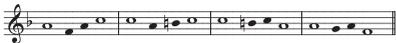
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 113



R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

(All repeat)



Give praise, you servants | of the Lord;
praise the name | of the Lord.
May the name of the | Lord be blest
both now and | evermore. R.

From the rising of the sun | to its setting
let the name of the | Lord be praised.
High above all nations | is the Lord,
above the | heav'ns his glory. R.

Who is like the Lord our God, en-throned
on high,
yet stooping to look down upon | heav'n and
earth?

From the dust he raises | up the lowly,
from the ashes he | lifts the poor. R.

He sets them in the compa-|ny of princes,
even with the princes | of his people.
He makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful moth-|er of children. R.

SECOND READING

1 Tim 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to
Timothy.

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8.9

Alleluia.

Though he was rich, yet for your sake Jesus
Christ became poor:
that through his poverty you might be rich.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:

“There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In your mercy and goodness, Lord, listen to our prayers and accept our gifts. We offer them to you to express our adoration; grant that they may bring us all to salvation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**