

Readings + 15th Sun. after Pentecost, Lect. 25 C + September 18, 2022

Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ 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 practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalmody Psalm 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the
LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from
this time forth forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down let
the name of the LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high above all nations; God’s
glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits
enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the
heavens and the earth?

**The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,**
enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers
of the people.

**The LORD makes the woman of a childless
house to be a joyful mother of children.**
Hallelujah!

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made
for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high
positions, so that we may lead a quiet and
peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is
right and is acceptable in the sight of God our
Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is
one God; there is also one mediator between
God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself
human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this
was attested at the right time. ⁷ 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.

Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

*Except for verse 13, which Matthew quotes in Mt.
6:24, these verses only appear in Luke.*

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a
rich man who had a manager, and charges were
brought to him that this man was squandering his
property. ² So he summoned him and said to him,
‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an
accounting of your management, because you
cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the
manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that
my master is taking the position away from me? I
am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed
to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when
I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome
me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his
master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first,
‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He
answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to
him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it
fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much
do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers
of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and
make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the
dishonest manager because he had acted
shrewdly; for the children of this age are more
shrewd in dealing with their own generation than
are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make

friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest

wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”