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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Am 8:4-7](#)

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy
and destroy the poor of the land!
"When will the new moon be over," you ask,
"that we may sell our grain,
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?
We will diminish the ephah,
add to the shekel,
and fix our scales for cheating!
We will buy the lowly for silver,
and the poor for a pair of sandals;
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done!

[Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (cf. 1a, 7b) **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

R. **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned
on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
to seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

R. **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[1 Tm 2:1-8](#)

Reading 2

Beloved:

First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers,
petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for
everyone,
for kings and for all in authority,
that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life
in all devotion and dignity.
This is good and pleasing to God our savior,
who wills everyone to be saved

and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God.

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time.

For this I was appointed preacher and apostle
— I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —,
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men
should pray,
lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

[Lk 16:1-13](#) or [16:10-13](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples,

"A rich man had a steward
who was reported to him for squandering his
property.

He summoned him and said,
'What is this I hear about you?

Prepare a full account of your stewardship,
because you can no longer be my steward.'

The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do,
now that my master is taking the position of
steward away from me?

I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg.

I know what I shall do so that,
when I am removed from the stewardship,
they may welcome me into their homes.'

He called in his master's debtors one by one.

To the first he said,

'How much do you owe my master?'

He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.'

He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note.

Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'

Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how
much do you owe?'

He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.'

The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory
note;

write one for eighty.'

And the master commended that dishonest steward
for acting prudently.

"For the children of this world

are more prudent in dealing with their own
generation

than are the children of light.

I tell you, make friends for yourselves with
dishonest wealth,
so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into
eternal dwellings.

The person who is trustworthy in very small
matters

is also trustworthy in great ones;

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and the person who is dishonest in very small matters

is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,

who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,

who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters.

He will either hate one and love the other,

or be devoted to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and mammon."

or

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MONDAY

Reading 1

[Prv 3:27-34](#)

Refuse no one the good on which he has a claim when it is in your power to do it for him.

Say not to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give," when you can give at once.

Plot no evil against your neighbor, against one who lives at peace with you.

Quarrel not with a man without cause, with one who has done you no harm.

Envy not the lawless man and choose none of his ways:

To the LORD the perverse one is an abomination, but with the upright is his friendship.

The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,

but the dwelling of the just he blesses;

When dealing with the arrogant, he is stern;

but to the humble he shows kindness.

[Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**

He who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; By whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be disturbed.

R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**

[Lk 8:16-18](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to the crowd:

"No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed;

rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light.

For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible,

and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light.

Take care, then, how you hear.

To anyone who has, more will be given,

and from the one who has not,

even what he seems to have will be taken away."

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 4:1-7, 11-13](#)

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord,

urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love,

striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace:

one Body and one Spirit,

as you were also called to the one hope of your call;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all,

who is over all and through all and in all.

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But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.
And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors and
teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the Body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature
manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

[Ps 19:2-3, 4-5](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (5) **Their message goes out through all the earth.**

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day,
and night to night imparts knowledge.

R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**

Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;

Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.

R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**

[Mt 9:9-13](#)

Gospel

As Jesus passed by,
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the
customs post.

He said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him.

While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners came
and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples,
"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and
sinners?"

He heard this and said,

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but
the sick do.

Go and learn the meaning of the words,

I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Add nothing to his words,
lest he reprove you, and you will be exposed as a
deceiver.

Two things I ask of you,
deny them not to me before I die:
Put falsehood and lying far from me,
give me neither poverty nor riches;
provide me only with the food I need;
Lest, being full, I deny you,
saying, "Who is the LORD?"

Or, being in want, I steal,
and profane the name of my God.

[Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (105) **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

Remove from me the way of falsehood,
and favor me with your law.

R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

Your word, O LORD, endures forever;
it is firm as the heavens.

R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

From every evil way I withhold my feet,
that I may keep your words.

R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

Through your precepts I gain discernment;
therefore I hate every false way.

R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

Falsehood I hate and abhor;
your law I love.

R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

[Lk 9:1-6](#)

Gospel

Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power
and authority

over all demons and to cure diseases,
and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God
and to heal the sick.

He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey,
neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor
money,

and let no one take a second tunic.

Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave
from there.

And as for those who do not welcome you,
when you leave that town,

shake the dust from your feet in testimony against
them."

Then they set out and went from village to village
proclaiming the Good News and curing diseases
everywhere.

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Prv 30:5-9](#)

Every word of God is tested;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Eccl 1:2-11](#)

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!
What profit has man from all the labor
which he toils at under the sun?
One generation passes and another comes,
but the world forever stays.
The sun rises and the sun goes down;
then it presses on to the place where it rises.
Blowing now toward the south, then toward the
north,
the wind turns again and again, resuming its
rounds.
All rivers go to the sea,
yet never does the sea become full.
To the place where they go,
the rivers keep on going.
All speech is labored;
there is nothing one can say.
The eye is not satisfied with seeing
nor is the ear satisfied with hearing.
What has been, that will be;
what has been done, that will be done.
Nothing is new under the sun.
Even the thing of which we say, "See, this is new!"
has already existed in the ages that preceded us.
There is no remembrance of the men of old;
nor of those to come will there be any remembrance
among those who come after them.
[Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc](#)
Responsorial Psalm
**R. (1) In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.**
You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.
**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**
You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.
**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**
Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

[Lk 9:7-9](#)

Gospel

Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was
happening,
and he was greatly perplexed because some were
saying,
"John has been raised from the dead";
others were saying, "Elijah has appeared";
still others, "One of the ancient prophets has
arisen."
But Herod said, "John I beheaded.
Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"
And he kept trying to see him.

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Eccl 3:1-11](#)

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from
embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.
What advantage has the worker from his toil?
I have considered the task that God has appointed
for the sons of men to be busied about.
He has made everything appropriate to its time,
and has put the timeless into their hearts,
without man's ever discovering,
from beginning to end, the work which God has
done.
[Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4](#)
Responsorial Psalm

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R. (1) **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
my mercy and my fortress,
my stronghold, my deliverer,
My shield, in whom I trust.

R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

LORD, what is man, that you notice him;
the son of man, that you take thought of him?
Man is like a breath;
his days, like a passing shadow.

R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

[Lk 9:18-22](#)

Gospel

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,
and the disciples were with him,
he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah;
still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has
arisen.'"

Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I
am?"

Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God."

He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this
to anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and
the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Eccl 11:9–12:8](#)

Rejoice, O young man, while you are young
and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth.

Follow the ways of your heart,
the vision of your eyes;

Yet understand that as regards all this
God will bring you to judgment.

Ward off grief from your heart
and put away trouble from your presence,
though the dawn of youth is fleeting.

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth,
before the evil days come

And the years approach of which you will say,
I have no pleasure in them;

Before the sun is darkened,
and the light, and the moon, and the stars,
while the clouds return after the rain;

When the guardians of the house tremble,
and the strong men are bent,

And the grinders are idle because they are few,
and they who look through the windows grow

blind;

When the doors to the street are shut,
and the sound of the mill is low;
When one waits for the chirp of a bird,
but all the daughters of song are suppressed;

And one fears heights,
and perils in the street;

When the almond tree blooms,
and the locust grows sluggish
and the caper berry is without effect,
Because man goes to his lasting home,
and mourners go about the streets;
Before the silver cord is snapped
and the golden bowl is broken,
And the pitcher is shattered at the spring,
and the broken pulley falls into the well,
And the dust returns to the earth as it once was,
and the life breath returns to God who gave it.

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And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be
ours;

prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands!

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

[Lk 9:43b-45](#)

Gospel

While they were all amazed at his every deed,
Jesus said to his disciples,

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"Pay attention to what I am telling you.

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men."

But they did not understand this saying;

its meaning was hidden from them

so that they should not understand it,

and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.
