

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.

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the book of 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.

Or **Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1**

PSALM Psalm 113

R *From the rising of the sun to its
setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.*

Alleluia.
Give praise, you servants of the Lord,
O praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time forth and for
evermore. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its
setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God,
that has his throne so high,

yet humbles himself to behold
the things of heaven and earth? **R**
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ashes,
To set them with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a place in
the house
and makes her a joyful mother of
children.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 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.

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

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. So he summoned him and
said to him, 'What is this that I hear
about you? Give me an account of
your management, because you
cannot be my manager any longer.'
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. I have
decided what to do so that, when I
am dismissed as manager, people
may welcome me into their homes.'
So, summoning his master's debtors
one by one, he asked the first, 'How
much do you owe my master?' He
answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive
oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit
down quickly, and make it fifty.' 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.'
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. 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. 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. If then
you have not been faithful with the
dishonest wealth, who will entrust to
you the true riches? And if you have
not been faithful with what belongs
to another, who will give you what
is your own? 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."

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.

