

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY



First Reading † Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who crush the needy
and reduce the oppressed to nothing,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then we can make the bushel-measure smaller
and the shekel-weight bigger,
fraudulently tampering with the scales.

We can buy up the weak for silver
and the poor for a pair of sandals
and even get a price for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget anything that they have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 112:1-2.4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed.
both now and for evermore!

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who dwells on high,
who stoops to look down
upon heaven and earth?

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

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Second Reading # 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving should be offered for everyone, for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live peaceful and quiet lives with all devotion and dignity. This is right and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and human beings, himself human, Christ Jesus, who offered himself as a ransom for all – a testimony given in due time. Of this I was appointed herald and apostle and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, without anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel [longer form] # Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus also said to his disciples,

‘There was a rich man, and he had a manager who was denounced to him for squandering his property. He called for the man and said,

“What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your management because you are not to be my manager any longer.”

Then the manager said to himself,

“Now that my master is taking my position away from me, what am I to do? I am not strong enough to dig. I would be ashamed to go begging. I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office people will welcome me into their homes.”

‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one.

To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?”

“One hundred jars of oil,” he said.

The manager said, “Take your bond; sit down and quickly write fifty.”

To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?”

“One hundred sacks of wheat,” he said.

The manager said, “Take your bond and write eighty.”

‘The master praised the dishonest manager for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings. Anyone who is trustworthy in the smallest matters is trustworthy in great; anyone who is dishonest in the smallest matters is dishonest in great. If then you have not been trustworthy with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you are not trustworthy with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?’

‘No servant can serve two masters: a servant will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve both God and money.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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