

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 Give praise to the Lord who lifts
up the poor.

Alleluia!

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 for evermore. **R**
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,
and his glory above the heavens. **R**
Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

but stoops to behold the heavens
and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the
dust
and lifts up the poor from the
ashes. **R**

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
He makes the woman of a
childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. **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.