

COLLECT, READINGS AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER

14th Sunday after Trinity – 18th Sept 2022

THE 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.

1st 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 practise 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.

2nd READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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. ²So 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." ³Then 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. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I
am dismissed as manager, people may welcome
me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his
master's debtors one by one, he asked the first,
"How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He
answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to
him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it
fifty." ⁷Then 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." ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful
with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you
the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been
faithful with what belongs to another, who will
give you what is your own? ¹³No 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.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.