

Sunday 21 Sep 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for
ever.

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

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

Listen to this, you who trample on the
needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the
country,
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 by lowering the bushel, raising the
shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the
scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of
the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have
done.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Alleluia!

1. 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! *(R.)*

2. High above all nations is the Lord,

above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look
down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?
(R.)

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,

from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
Timothy

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

My advice is that, first of all, there should
be prayers offered for everyone –
petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving –
and especially for kings and others in
authority, so that we may be able to live
religious and reverent lives in peace and
quiet. To do this is right, and will please
God our saviour: he wants everyone to be
saved and reach full knowledge of the
truth. For there is only one God, and there
is only one mediator between God and
mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus,
who sacrificed himself as a ransom for
them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at
the appointed time, and I have been
named a herald and apostle of it and – I
am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher
of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift
their hands up reverently in prayer, with no
anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

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

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to 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 measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward 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 the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and

love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon

John 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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