

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prayer of the Day

Living God, Judge of us all,
you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own:
through your Spirit give us wisdom,
that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Hosea,

Chapter 11 beginning at Verse 1

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing
to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim
to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed
them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to
them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed
them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their
king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their
cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their
schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High
they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸How can I give you up,
Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like
Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my
compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I
will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in
your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who
roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the
west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from
the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

[NRSV Hosea 11.1–11]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert:
and found no path to an inhabited city;
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty:
and their heart fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 7 He led them by the right path:
till they came to an inhabited city.
- 8 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty:
and fills the hungry with good things
- 43 Whoever is wise, let them observe these things:
and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 1

¹¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and

abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

[NRSV Colossians 3.1–11]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,

Chapter 12 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

[NRSV Luke 12.13–21]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.