



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 1, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

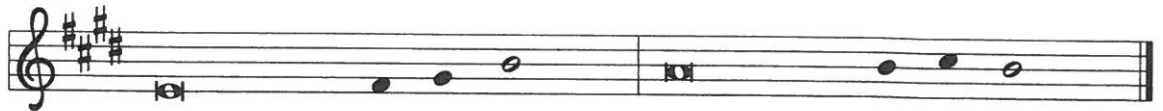
Do not put yourself forward in the
king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told,
"Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence
of a noble.

or Sirach 10:12-18 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 112; tone 4



Hallelujah!
Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight
in ¹God's commandments!

²**Their descendants
will be mighty ¹in the land;
the generation of the upright
¹will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches
will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness
will ¹last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness
¹for the upright;
the righteous are merciful
and full ¹of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them
to be gener- ¹ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹fairs
with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept
in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid
of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast,
trusting ¹in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established
and ¹will not shrink,
until they see their desire
up- ¹on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands ¹fast
forever;

they will hold up their ¹head
with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth
and ¹pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ed
will perish.**

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend,

move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."