

August 3rd & 4th

LECTIONARY

The Word of God

The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-11

Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken,
all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich
and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on un-
derstanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the
harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at

my heels surrounds me,
5 The wickedness of those who put
their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our
life;
7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough
to pay it,
8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who
come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes
for ever, their dwelling places from
generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after
their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot
live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Gospel Reading

Presider: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And 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." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then 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. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But 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?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Presider: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You Lord Christ.**

Offertory Hymn *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

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Harmony

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

Fine

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

unison

1. Up on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
 2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

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mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
 bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

D.C.

fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
 track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for

the Church of the Province of South East Asia

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St Peter's, in Litchfield Park.