

THE WORD OF THE LORD : TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

At the Solemn Eucharist at 11 o'clock

Amos's vision of the basket of summer fruit, the prophet's accusations against Israel's oppression of the poor and needy, and the threat of a coming day of divine judgement constitute the first reading today. Threatening notes are also sounded in the responsorial psalm, as lying, plotting to do evil, and a devouring spirit are assailed. The magnificent christological hymn, with its bold claims about Christ's role in creation and unique relationship with God, dominates the Epistle. Even so, the latter part of the passage spells out some of the implications of Christ's reconciling work. In the Gospel reading, Jesus commends Mary for her concentration and devotion and chides Martha for being distracted by the insignificant tasks of life.

FIRST READING: Amos 8.1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me — a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord GOD; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!” Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 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 practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? “On that day,” says the Lord GOD, “I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming,” says the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.”

The word of the Lord *R/. Thanks be to God*

PSALM: 52—Quid gloriaris?; Tone I,8



- 1 WHY BOAST-est thou thyself, thou tyrant, that thou canst do **mis**-chief :
whereas the goodness of God endur-**eth** yet dāi-ly?
- 2 Thy tongue deviseth wick-**ed**-ness :
it is like a sharp razor, O thou **work**-er öf de-**ceit**.
- 3 Thou hast loved evil more than **good**-ness :
and to speak lies ra-**ther** than righ-teous-ness.
- 4 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may **do** hurt : **O** thou false tongue.
- 5 Therefore shall God destroy thee for **ev**-er : he shall take thee and pluck thee out
of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land **of** the liv-ing.
- 6 The righteous also shall see this, **and** fear : and shall **laugh** him tö scorn,
- 7 Saying, ‘Lo, this is the man that took not God for **his** strength : but trusted unto
the multitude of his riches, and strengthened himself **in** his öwn wealth.’

- 8 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house **of** God :
my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ev-**er** and ev-er.
- 9 I will always give thanks unto thee, because thou hast **done** it :
and I will hope in thy Name, for thy **säints** like it well.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1.15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 8.15

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed are they who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10.38-42

R/. Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now it came to pass, as they went, that Jesus entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The Gospel of Christ
R/. Praise be to thee, O Christ