

remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”



# 16 Pentecost

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

## FIRST READING : Amos 6:1-7

**W**OE TO THOSE who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.

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**Refrain**

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

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**Psalm 146**

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| 1 | Hallelujah! Praise the LORD,<br>O my soul! * I will praise<br>the LORD as long as I live; I<br>will sing praises to my God<br>while I have my being. | 6 | Who gives justice to those<br>who are oppressed, * and<br>food to those who hunger.   |
| 2 | Put not your trust in rulers,<br>nor in any child of earth, *<br>for there is no help in them.   | 7 | The LORD sets the prisoners<br>free; the LORD opens the<br>eyes of the blind; * the<br>LORD lifts up those who are<br>bowed down;                       |
| 3 | When they breathe their last,<br>they return to earth, * and<br>in that day their thoughts<br>perish.  | 8 | The LORD loves the<br>righteous; the LORD cares<br>for the stranger; * he<br>sustains the orphan and<br>widow, but frustrates the<br>way of the wicked. |
| 4 | Happy are they who have<br>the God of Jacob for their<br>help! * whose hope is in the<br>LORD their God;   | 9 | The LORD shall reign for<br>ever, * your God, O Zion,<br>throughout all generations.<br>Hallelujah!   |
| 5 | Who made heaven and<br>earth, the seas, and all that is<br>in them; * who keeps his<br>promise for ever;   |   |   |

**SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 6:11-19**

**BUT AS FOR YOU**, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**GOSPEL : Luke 16:19-31**

**JESUS SAID**, “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child,