

GOSPEL : Luke 12:13-21

SOMEONE IN THE CROWD said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear 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, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



8 Pentecost

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13

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 1:12-14; 2:18-23

I THE PREACHER have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Refrain

We can never ransom ourselves,
or deliver to God the price of our life.

Psalm 49:1-11

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| 1 | Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell
in the world, * you of high
degree and low, rich and
poor together. | 7 | For the ransom of our life is
so great, * that we should
never have enough to pay it, |
| 2 | My mouth shall speak of
wisdom, * and my heart
shall meditate on
understanding. | 8 | In order to live for ever and
ever, * and never see the
grave. |
| 3 | I will incline my ear to a
proverb * and set forth my
riddle upon the harp. | 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. |
| 4 | Why should I be afraid in
evil days, * when the
wickedness of those at my
heels surrounds me, | 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. |
| 5 | The wickedness of those
who put their trust in their
goods, * and boast of their
great riches? | 11 | Even though honored, they
cannot live for ever; * they
are like the beasts that
perish. |
| 6 | We can never ransom
ourselves, * or deliver to
God the price of our life; | | |

SECOND READING : Colossians 3:5-17

PUT TO DEATH therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.