

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 10.25-37

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sea Sunday

Sentence

O Lord our Governor: How glorious is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:1

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, we commend to you all seafarers. Guard and protect them in danger and temptation; sustain them in loneliness; and support them in sickness and anxiety. Bless all who minister to them. Watch over those who are near and dear to them, and grant them the blessing of your presence. These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

Almighty God, we remember those whose lives are lived on your great oceans. For those who go down to the sea in ships, we give thanks; they enrich our lives at great personal cost.

May they daily feel the strength of your protection, the warmth of your presence and the love of your relationship as they seek hope of safe passage. Pray for seafarers who are stranded at sea and forced to survive using only the resources available around them. Comfort them in times of loneliness and need and remind them that, in you, they are never alone, particularly when they are struggling with poor weather conditions or sickness. **Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 7.7-17

A reading from the prophet Amos

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said,

‘See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying,
'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the
land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn
your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for
it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I
am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from
following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people
Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.
You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82: *A.P.B.A. – page 309*

1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
2 'How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?
3 'Judge for the poor and fatherless:
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.

4 'Rescue the poor and needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
5 'They do not know they do not understand
they walk about in darkness:
all the foundations . of the earth are shaken.
6 'Therefore I say "Though you are gods:
and all of you children of the Most High,
7 ' "Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:
and fall like one of the princes." '
8 Arise O God and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

Second Reading

Col. 1.1-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to
you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you
have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have
heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to
you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been
bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly
comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved
fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has
made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you
and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all
spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you
grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength
that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure
everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has
enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has
rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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