

FIRST LESSON

ECCLESIASTES 1:2,12-14; 2:18-26

R: Our first lesson on this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the first and second chapters of Ecclesiastes.

The “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

R: The Second lesson is from the third chapter of Colossians.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

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✠ COMMUNION SONG

IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR
WINGS

**I will dwell in the shadow of your wings.
I will know of the peace your love can bring.
Night will fall, but I will not be afraid
When I dwell in the shadow of your wings.**

REFRAIN **In the shadow, in the shadow,
in the shadow of your wings. REPEAT**

**Safety lies in the shadow of your wings.
I rely on your faithful covering.
Arrows fly but I will not be afraid
When I dwell in the shadow of your wings. REFRAIN**

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank
deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors
as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO
SING
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**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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