

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 12 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

[NRSV Luke 12.13–21]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

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Prayer of the Day

Living God, Judge of us all,
you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own:
through your Spirit give us wisdom,
that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Hosea,

Chapter 11 beginning at Verse 1

11 When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I^[a] called them,
the more they went from me;^[b]
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my^[c] arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.^[d]
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.^[e]

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.^[f]

¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

[NRSV Hosea 11.1–11]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.

2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

4 Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert:
and found no path to an inhabited city;

5 They were hungry and thirsty:
and their heart fainted within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:

and he took them out of their trouble.

7 He led them by the right path:
till they came to an inhabited city.

8 *Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;*

9 *For he satisfies the thirsty:
and fills the hungry with good things*

43 Whoever is wise, let them observe these things:
and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 1

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,^[a] called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body^[b] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.^[c] ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.^[d] ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually^[e] into a dwelling place for God.

[NRSV Colossians 3.1–11]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***