

Holy Eucharist

September 25, 2022

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21 C

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Fight the good fight

Hymnal 552

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
mer - cy and will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Chorus Book 186

Open our eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to
Je - sus; To reach out and touch
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Verse 1

Him and say that we love Him.

Verse 2

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and, like David, improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalms 146

to be prayed responsively, the pulpit side leading and the organ side following

¹Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

**⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**⁸The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; ***
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Reading from the First letter to Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In 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, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

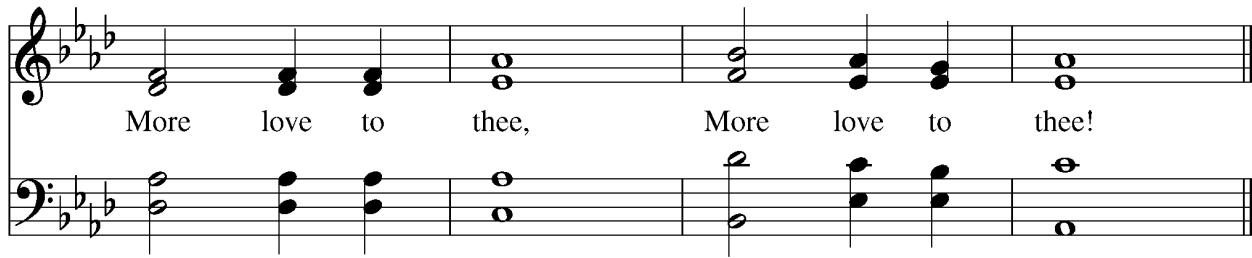
LEVAS 87

More love to thee, O Christ

1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
 3. Then shall my ev - ery breath Sing out your praise;

1. Hear thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
 2. Now thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
 3. This be the on - ly song My heart shall raise;

1. This is my ear - nest plea;
 2. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
 3. This still my prayer shall be:



All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

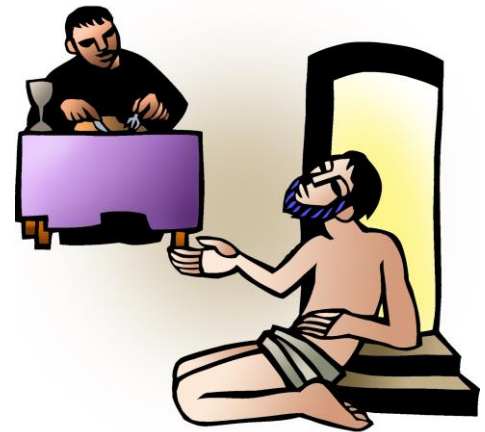
Luke 16:19-31

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The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”



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The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, let us set our hope on God and pray to our God, saying, “God, our refuge and stronghold, we put our trust in you.”

Intercessor We pray for your one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Michael’s, Grosse Pointe Woods; All Saints’, La Romana, and Church of the Transfiguration, Bani, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Anglican Church of Burundi; and for all the members of Christ’s body. May we and your whole Church pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. God, our refuge and stronghold, **we put our trust in you.**

Silence

We pray for the leaders of every nation, especially for those who hold office in this country. Remind us that they are fallible human beings, fellow children of the earth. May they put their trust in you, even as we trust in you for our help. God, our refuge and stronghold, **we put our trust in you.**

Silence

You call us, O God, into a great community of believers: to join with angels and saints, with those you have made righteous, and with your Son Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. We pray for our fellow Christians around the world, especially those facing persecution. Protect and strengthen them. Have mercy, Lord. God, our refuge and stronghold, **we put our trust in you.**

Silence

Open our eyes to see the poor at our gates. Give us compassion for those suffering in our community. You, O Lord, care for the stranger; you sustain the orphan and widow. May our work reflect your heart. God, our refuge and stronghold, **we put our trust in you.**

Silence

Creating God, you made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them. Make us good stewards of your bounty, that there may be food enough for all who hunger. At this time of harvest, for all your good gifts, we praise and thank you [especially for _____].

We pray for the lonely, the sick and the dying, and for the healing of those who are spiritually and physically broken [especially _____]. Grant comfort and mercy to those who now experience evil things.

We pray for those who have died [especially for _____]. May all the departed find new life in the presence of their God, the one who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light. God, our refuge and stronghold, **we put our trust in you.**

Silence

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All then kneel as they are able

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand as they are able

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Immortal God of unapproachable light, honor and dominion be unto you,
 for you invite us to dine with you at the heavenly banquet with your Son
 Jesus Christ, the blessed and only Sovereign, King of kings and Lord of lords.

When in Christ you were incarnate among us, you came
 not as the proud and haughty rich man
 but lived and died as the poor man at the gate.

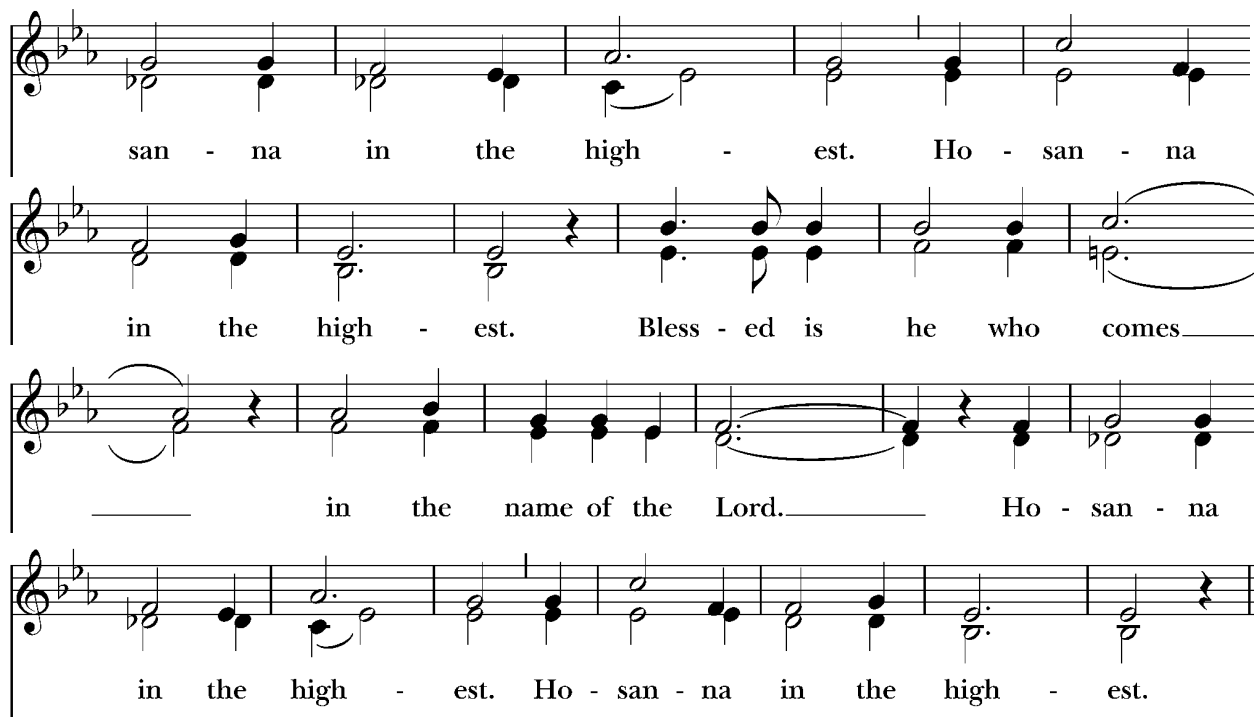
He laid down his life that we might be reconciled with you
 and in his resurrection showed us your love and your power.

And so we celebrate your glory, with all the company of heaven,
 singing the everlasting song of praise.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



The Presider continues

Trusting God, you gave your servant Amos the courage to prophesy

hard words to those who indulged themselves and ignored the needy,
proclaiming that their actions and inactions were seen and judged by you.

In this meal of earthly bread and heavenly wine you make a promise to us
that though our time on earth be short, our abiding with you in heaven will be forever.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, ✚ make us rich in good works,
generous, and ready to share, that we may take hold of the life that lies in you.

By that same Holy Spirit, make this bread and wine
be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So now, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Generous and ever-giving God, make money an instrument of your peace.

Where your children are too wealthy, make them content with food and clothing,
not placing their hopes in the uncertainty of riches.

Where your people long to have more, free them from the harmful desires
that might plunge them into ruin and destruction.

Where money causes a great chasm of division,
bring partnership, understanding, and kindness.

Visit all who are in agony through pain or humiliation, or regret or abandonment,
and set our eyes on you who provide us so richly with everything for our enjoyment;
until the day when you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Presider

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Alleluia! We break this bread
 to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

The Presider continues

This is the Lord's Table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him
 to share the feast which he has prepared,
a feast that we share today with Jesus
and with the whole church throughout the world.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

Post-Communion Hymn

Chorus Book 51

Soft-en my heart

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Above the treble staff, guitar chords are indicated: D, Em, B7#5, Em7, Em G Em (with A A A below), D, F# C# (with C# below), and Bm. The lyrics are: 'Soft-en my heart, Lord, soft-en my heart;'. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end.

Bm⁷ Em B⁷#5 Em⁷ Em⁷ A G A D DM⁷ D⁷
 From all in - dif - frence set me a - part.

D⁷ C/D D⁷ GM⁷ Em⁶ A G F#m A⁷ F#m⁷ Bm⁷
 To feel Your com - pas - sion, to weep with Your tears;

Bm⁷ Gm/Bb D A A/C# Bm⁷ Gm/Bb D D^{sus} D
 Come soft - en my heart, O Lord, soft - en my heart.

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance, you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

Eternal God,

our beginning and our end,
accompany us in this day's journey.

Open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and to see the work you set before us today.

Take us, and use us to bring to others
the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, **†** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

LEVAS 198

Love lifted me

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore, ___
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, ___

1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more; ___
2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. ___

1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry, ___
2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs; ___

1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me— Now safe am I. _____
 2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs. _____

Love lift - ed me, _____ Love lift - ed me, _____

Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing

1. _____ 2. _____

else could help, Love lift - ed me; _____ Love lift - ed me. _____

Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food In-Gathering is Sunday, October 16**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Sept. 25 Sergius of Radonezh, Monastic, 1392
26 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626; and, Wilson Carlile: Priest, 1942
27 Vincent de Paul: Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660; and,
Thomas Traherne: Priest, 1674
28 Richard Rolle, 1349, Walter Hilton, 1396, and Margery Kempe, c. 1440, Mystics
29 Michael and All Angels
30 Jerome, Priest and Scholar, 420
Oct. 1 Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c. 530

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1 Timothy 6:6-19

A simple life, a life unencumbered by material possessions, is a life worth living. In many ways, the author of 1 Timothy seems to be channeling the current minimalist movement in our society because the author understands the corrupting influence of money and possessions; they lead to “senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction” (1 Tim. 6:9, NRSV). However, these things are not just secular temptations that lead to the degradation of our environment and the dilution of relationships. These are the very things that pollute our relationship with God. It is cliché to state that wealth and power ebb and flow; that possessions that excite us one minute bore us the next; that external objects can never fully bring internal contentment. Clichés, though, are often clichés because they are true.

God’s love for us is never obsolete. It never breaks down. It is infinitely abundant and freely available. It does not need a Groupon and can be shared generously. And that’s the operative term: *generously*. When we learn to live fully into God’s generous love, we learn to live more fully into our own generosity. We learn that to give is to receive. When we give generously, we spread the Kingdom of God that benefits everyone.

- What does it mean that “God “richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment” (1 Tim. 6:17)?

Luke 16:19-31

The lectionary is a gift! Our readings tie so well together this week. If you don’t get it the first time, you’re going to get it by the last reading!

The rich man failed to live a life of generosity—a life informed by God’s own generosity and commands to care for the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized. Exodus 23:6 and 23:11; Leviticus 19:10, 19:15, and 23:22; and Deuteronomy 10:18 are only a few examples of God’s commands to

show compassion and generosity to those who tend to be ignored in society. The rich man ignored the clear commandments from the Torah, choosing, instead, to live a life of self-interested luxury—intentionally ignoring Lazarus, the poor man, who lived right outside his gate. Because of his continual transgression of the law, the rich man is punished while Lazarus is comforted in the afterlife.

In his suffering, the rich man pleads for Abraham to allow Lazarus to go and warn his brothers to live lives of generosity so that they do not end up being punished as well. But Abraham's reply is clear: "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them" (Lk. 16:29).

Scripture should be the guiding light of our lives – not because we should fear punishment if we do not follow all the rules, but because scripture lets us know what God wants of us: to not only love God but to love one another, to freely and completely share that love, even if it costs us a little comfort. Sharing love is the brick and mortar we use to build the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

- The Torah and the gospels are clear that the marginalized are to be cared for and protected. Where in society do you see this lived out? Where is it needed?

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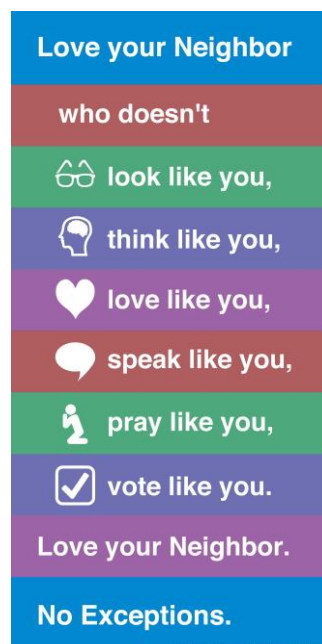
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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of
Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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