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8th Sunday after Pentecost August 3 2025

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Today's Readings

Sunday, August 3, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

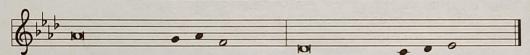
¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master

of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm

Psalm 49:1-12; tone 3



Hear this, ¹ all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell ¹ in the world,

²you of high de- | gree and low, rich and | poor together.

³My mouth shall ¹ speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on ¹ understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days, when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me, 6the wickedness of those who trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?

⁷One can never re- | deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be e-i nough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forey-¹ er and ever and never ¹ see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.

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Psalm, continued

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation, though they had named lands af- 1 ter themselves.

12 Even though honored, they cannot | live forever; they are like the | beasts that perish.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, s for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you

also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things-anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised. barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "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." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And 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.' 20 But 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."

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