

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Pentecost 18 (Trinity 17): Sunday 18th September 2016

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Amos 8:4-7)

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (Psalm 113)

Alleluia. Give praise, you servants / of the / Lord :
O / praise the / name of the / Lord.

Blessed be the / name of the / Lord :
from this time forth / and for / ever/more.

From the rising of the sun / to its / setting :
let the / name of the / Lord be / praised.

The Lord is high a/bove all / nations :
and his / glory a/bove the / heavens.

Who is like the / Lord our / God :
that / has his / throne so / high,

Yet humbles himself / to be/hold :
the / things of / heaven and / earth?

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy / from the / ashes :
To set them with princes,
with the / princes / of his / people.

He gives the barren woman a / place in the / house :
and makes her a joyful mother of / children. / Alle/luia.

SECOND READING (1 Timothy 2:1-7)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL (Luke 16:1-13)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and

make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Wednesday 21st September

10:00am Mass at St Martin’s

Friday 23rd September

11:00am Holy Eucharist at St Mary’s, followed by tea and toast.

12:30pm Lunchtime event: 38 years of concerts at St Mary’s

Services on Sunday 25th September (Pentecost 19: Trinity 18)

8:00am Low Mass at St Martin’s, Haverfordwest

9:30am Family Mass and Baptism at St Martin’s,
Haverfordwest

10:15am Holy Eucharist at St Ishmael’s, Camrose

11:15am Holy Eucharist at St Mary’s, Haverfordwest

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