

Sunday, September 18, 2022

not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. (NRSV)

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.1

The word of the Lord through the prophet:

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:
'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?'
(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’)
²⁰‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’
²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
¹O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! (NRSV)

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

My dearly beloved, ¹I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am

Gospel: Luke 16.1-13

¹Jesus 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. ²So 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.” ³Then 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. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” ⁶He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” ⁷Then 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.” ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No 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.’ (NRSV)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.