

this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

PROPER PREFACE

The Lord’s Day

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18

Arrogance is hateful before the Lord and before people, and injustice is out of tune to both. ⁸ Sovereignty passes from nation to nation on account of injustice and insolence and wealth. ⁹ Why would dust and ash act arrogantly? For even in life his bowels decay. ¹⁰ A long illness baffles the physician; the king of today will die tomorrow. ¹¹ For when a man is dead, he will inherit creeping things and wild beasts and worms. ¹² The beginning of a person’s pride is to depart from the Lord; his heart has forsaken his Maker. ¹³ For the beginning of pride is sin, and the man who clings to it will pour out abominations. Therefore the Lord brought upon them extraordinary afflictions and destroyed them utterly. ¹⁴ The Lord has cast down the thrones of rulers and has seated the lowly in their place. ¹⁵ The Lord has plucked up the roots of the nations and has planted the humble in their place. ¹⁶ The Lord has overthrown the lands of the nations and has destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. ¹⁷ He has removed some of them and destroyed them and has extinguished the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁸ Pride was not

created for human beings, nor fierce anger for those born of women.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 112

- ¹ Praise the LORD! Blessed is the one who fears the LORD, *
who has great delight in his commandments.
- ² His seed shall be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
- ³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house, *
and his righteousness shall endure for ever.
- ⁴ For the upright, there rises light in the darkness; *
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
- ⁵ It is good for him to be generous in lending *
and to guide his words with discretion.
- ⁶ For he shall never be moved, *
and the righteous shall be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings, *
for his heart is steadfast and trusts in the LORD.
- ⁸ His heart is established, and will not fear; *
at the last he shall see his desire upon his enemies.
- ⁹ He has given freely to the poor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever; his horn shall be exalted
with honor.
- ¹⁰ The ungodly shall see it, and shall be angry; *

he shall gnash his teeth, and waste away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 13:1-8

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 14:1,7-14

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to