

# September 18, 2016

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1 [Am 8:4-7](#)

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!

“When will the new moon be over,” you ask,

“that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?

We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel,

and fix our scales for cheating!

We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals;

even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8](#)

R. (cf. 1a, 7b) **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever.

R. **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

R. **Alleluia.**

### Reading 2 [1 Tm 2:1-8](#)

Beloved:

First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone,

for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God.

There is also one mediator between God and men,

the man Christ Jesus,

who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time.

For this I was appointed preacher and apostle

— I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —

teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray,

lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

### Alleluia [Cf. 2 Cor 8:9](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,

so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel [Lk 16:1-13](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters

is also trustworthy in great ones;

and the person who is dishonest in very small matters

is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,

who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,

who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters.

He will either hate one and love the other,

or be devoted to one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and mammon.”