

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.”

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COLLECT

Traditional

GRANT US, O LORD, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

GRANT US, LORD, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

MY JOY IS GONE, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, 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?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O 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!

Refrain

Help us, O God our Savior.

Psalm 79:1-9 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 O God, the heathen
have come into your
inheritance; they have
profaned your holy
temple; * they have
made Jerusalem a heap
of rubble. | 5 How long will you be
angry, O LORD? * will
your fury blaze like fire
for ever? |
| 2 They have given the
bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of
the air, * and the flesh
of your faithful ones to
the beasts of the field. | 6 Pour out your wrath
upon the heathen who
have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms
that have not called
upon your Name. |
| 3 They have shed their
blood like water on ev-
ery side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to
bury them. | 7 For they have devoured
Jacob * and made his
dwelling a ruin. |
| 4 We have become a
reproach to our neigh-
bors, * an object of
scorn and derision to
those around us. | 8 Remember not our past
sins; let your compas-
sion be swift to meet
us; * for we have been
brought very low. |
| | 9 Help us, O God our
Savior, for the glory of
your Name; * deliver us
and forgive us our sins,
for your Name's sake. |

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

FIRST OF ALL, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for every one, 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 Savior, who desires every one 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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 accounting 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,