

Sunday, August 29, 2010  
Lectionary 22  
Proper 17  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6–7**

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.  
What your eyes have seen\

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 112**

*Refrain: The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup>God's commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup>in the land;**  
**the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup>will be blessed. R**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.  
<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup>for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion.**  
<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup>ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup>fairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- <sup>1</sup>er be shaken;**  
**the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup>ing remembrance. R**  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup>evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup>will not shrink,**

**until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16**

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7–14**

The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on

the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at 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 the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For your church, that it may not neglect to show hospitality to strangers but instead be a place of gracious invitation to all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For your creation, that we may be respectful stewards of all that you have made and work for the restoration of forests, waters, and skies. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of all nations, that they may govern with humility and conduct all affairs with justice. We pray for the end to all forms of torture. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all in need: those who are in prison, the poor, the lame, the blind, and the sick (*especially*), that their hearts may be steady and that they not be afraid. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, that mutual love may thrive among us. Strengthen all marriages and bless all families, that they may find their riches in each other rather than in the material things of this world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Giving thanks for the faithful departed who now enjoy places of honor at the eternal feast in heaven (*especially*), we pray that we may imitate their faith until the final day. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

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