

Sunday 21st September, 2025
Third Sunday in the Season of Creation
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn CAHON 6 All creatures of our God and King

Collect for the Third Sunday in The Season of Creation

God the Creator,
in Christ you call all people
to the fullness of glory
for which you created us in your image:
heal our hardened hearts,
renew our obedience to your will,
and conform our lives to your gracious design,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson Amos 8: 4-7

A reading from the Prophet Amos, chapter 8, verses 4 to 7.

- ⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, 'When will the new moon be over
 so that we may sell grain;
 and the sabbath,
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
 and practise deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Lesson.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading**Luke 16: 1-13**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 16, verses 1 to 13.

Sun 9am **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Sun 10.45 **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

¹Then 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.

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.

¹⁰'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. 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.'

Sun 9am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Prayer List:

Liz P., Betty, Catriona D, Catherine, Bill, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Jane T., Emma A., Joseph, Alice, Alison B., Johnny; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers those in the Year's Mind this week;

Margaret Anderson, Edward Syme, Michael Clayton, Matt Murray, Alec Mann, Doreen Stephen, Raymond Broughton, Arthur Forrester.

The Intercessions are being led by Sue W.

Offertory Hymn CAHON 575 Put peace into each other's hand

Anthem The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God (*from The Creation*) Haydn

Post Communion Prayer for the Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

Ruler of the universe,

all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.

May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him.

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn CAHON 646 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Readings for the day

*Amos 8: 4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; *Luke 16: 1-13

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