



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13–19

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 33

Year A, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A reading from Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!

The LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and has consecrated the guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will the LORD do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements. ▶

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like those who are blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of the LORD's passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
the LORD will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, dear family,
you do not need to have anything written to you.

²For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape!

⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief;

⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober,

⁷for those who sleep sleep at night,
and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober
and put on the breastplate of faith and love
and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ▶

⁹For God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
¹⁰who died for us,
so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

「Jesus said to the disciples:」

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability.
Then he went away.

“At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off
and traded with them and made five more talents.
¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off
and dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

¹⁹“After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them.
²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.’
²¹His master said to him,
‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things;
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.’
²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.’ ▶

²³His master said to him,
‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things;
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴“Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,
‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow
and gathering where you did not scatter,
²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow
and gather where I did not scatter?’

²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance,
but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The gospel of the Lord.