



# Revised Common Lectionary

Proper 20, Year C

Track 1

## The Collect:

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.

## Old Testament: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup> 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?”) <sup>20</sup> “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” <sup>21</sup> For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. <sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

<sup>1</sup> 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!

## Psalm: Psalm 79:1-9

<sup>1</sup> O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> They have shed their blood like water on every side  
of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.  
<sup>4</sup> We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.  
<sup>5</sup> How long will you be angry, O Lord? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?  
<sup>6</sup> Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not  
known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon  
your Name.  
<sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.  
<sup>8</sup> Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.  
<sup>9</sup> Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

### Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>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

<sup>1</sup> Then 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. <sup>2</sup>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.’ <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How

much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>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.' <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>"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. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>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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