

WELCOME: (COMMENTATOR)

Good morning!

On behalf of the Charis Community, I welcome you to our Sunday Mass. All are truly welcome, and we are excited that you are joining us whether it's your first time praying with us or if you've been with us for a while. The worship aid for Mass is on our website, and we will put the address in the chat for you should you like to pull it up to support your prayer.

We are a Eucharistic people, so we invite you to have bread and wine, in whatever form you have it, with you where you are. Even though we are in many locations, we affirm that we are one table of believers. We gather as one people, as one Body, rooted in Christ, and rooted in God's love, together.

Please raise your heart, body or mind as we begin our prayer in song.

FIRST READING: (LECTOR 1)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from the book the prophet Amos.

Thus says the Most High, the God of Hosts:
Woe to the complacent in Zion!

Lying upon beds of ivory,
 stretched comfortably on their couches,
they eat lambs taken from the flock,
 and calves from the stall!
Improvising to the music of the harp,
 like David, they devise their own accompaniment.
They drink wine from bowls
 and anoint themselves with the best oils;
 yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
 and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

The Word of God.

R/. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: (LECTOR 2)

1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

But you, child of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.

Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called
when you made the noble confession in the presence
of many witnesses.

I charge you before God, who gives life to all things,
and before Christ Jesus,
who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate
for the noble confession,
to keep the commandment without stain or reproach
until the appearance of our Savior Jesus Christ.
that the blessed and only ruler
will make manifest at the proper time,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone has immortality, who dwells
in unapproachable light,
and whom no human being has seen or can see.
To God be honor and eternal power! Amen.

The Word of God.

R/. Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"There was a rich person who dressed in purple garments
and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.

And lying at this person's door
was a poor man named Lazarus
covered with sores,
who would gladly have eaten his fill of scraps
that fell from the rich person's table.

Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

"When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels
to the company of Abraham and Sarah.

The rich person also died and was buried.
From the netherworld,
where he was in torment,
he raised his eyes and saw Abraham and Sarah far off
and Lazarus in their company.

And he cried out, 'Abraham and Sarah, have pity on me.
Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water
and cool my tongue,
for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

"Abraham and Sarah replied,
'My child, remember that you received
what was good during your lifetime,
while Lazarus likewise received what was bad;
but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.
Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established,
to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go
from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

"The rich person said, 'I beg you, then,
send Lazarus to my family's house,
for I have five siblings,
so that he may warn them,
lest they too come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham and Sarah replied,
'They have Moses and the prophets.
Let them listen to them.'

The rich person said, 'Oh no, Sarah and Abraham,
but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"Then they said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

The Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ.
R/. Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Commentator

Prayer of the Faithful

Loving God, we come to you in confidence as we pray for the needs of our communities, our Church, and our world. For whom and for what do we want to pray today? Our response is Lord Hear Our Prayer.

(On completion of the prayer)

Risen Christ, in the power of your Spirit, fill our lives with your presence—so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we begin to live our community's vision, and as we prepare to gather together in Your name in Holy Synod. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**