

## READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

August 3<sup>rd</sup>—8:00 & 10:15am

**The Reading (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on***

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

**The Psalm (8:00 AND 10:15)    *Please check that microphone is on***

Let us pray a portion of Psalm 49 responsively, breaking at the asterisk

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

**The Prayers (8:00 and 10:15) Please check that microphone is on**

*Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the people, leaders, and nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, that no sword would be drawn but the sword of peace, no strength would be known but the strength of love, and that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for those people living in places of war in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Africa.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the Dalton and Oemisch families, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal Larry, Josh, Donna, Gwen, John, Betty Ann, Jamie, Eric, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Jeff, Tom, Bob, Hank, Amelia, Ella, Bill, and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*      Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*After a period of silence, the presider adds a collect.*