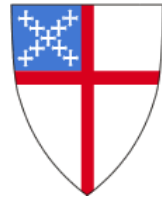


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the  
**Sunday closest to September 7**



Proper 18  
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Romans 13:8-14  
Psalm 149  
Matthew 18:15-20

### **The Collect**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Epistle**

#### **Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **The Response**

#### **Psalm 149**

*Cantate Domino*

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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