

Scripture Readings - Sept. 21, 2025 – for LCUCPC –

Psalm 113

Refrain: Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Sing and rejoice.

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Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. *Refrain*

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

One: The Lord is high above all nations and God's glory above the heavens. *Refrain*

One: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**All: God raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princesses, with the princes of God's people.**

One: God gives the outcast a home, and a family.

Praise the Lord! *Refrain*

Luke 16: 1-13 (NRSV) The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

16 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. ² 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.'

³ 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. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ 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.'

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ "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. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ 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."

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts.