

## **Readings for August 31, 2025**

### **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the presence of a monarch  
or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

## Psalm: Psalm 112

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the Lord  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed. R**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance. R**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast  
forever;

they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth  
and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed will perish. R**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through Christ, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess God’s name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, your host may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor, crippled, lame, and blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”