

September 22, 2019
15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading:

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.
²**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.
³From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.
⁴**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;**
God’s glory a- | bove the heavens. R
⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,
⁶**but stoops | to behold**
the heavens | and the earth?
⁷The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,
⁸**enthroning them | with the rulers,**
with the rulers | of the people.
⁹The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.