

Liturgy Notes for
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Times
September 18, 2022

“Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth.” What are we to make of this puzzling phrase? Jesus teaches us to have a proper disposition to temporal wealth. We must not seek from wealth a happiness it is not able to provide, nor make use of it for illicit gain—like those who cannot wait for the chance to “buy the lowly for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals.” Perhaps the first time those merchants “fixed their scales for cheating” it seemed to them like a very small matter. But “the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” Fortunately, the one Master, Jesus Christ, “gave himself as ransom for all.” With hands lifted up in holy prayer, we become those trustworthy people to whom God entrusts great things. By using wealth properly, as a means for the necessary goods of life and for works of charity, we act as prudent stewards and prepare for an eternal dwelling

Entrance Antiphone

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord./ Should they cry to me in any distress,/ I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precept we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;/ may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

DAILY READINGS