

The First Reading is from The Book of AMOS, Chapter 8, verses 1-12 :-**PAGE 1398**

8 This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit.

² “What do you see, Amos?” he asked. “A basket of ripe fruit,” I answered.

Then the LORD said to me, “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

³ “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!”

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—

skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales,

⁶ buying the poor with silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

⁷ The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

⁸ “Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn?

The whole land will rise like the Nile;

it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt.

⁹ “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD,

“I will make the sun go down at noon

and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your religious festivals into mourning

and all your singing into weeping.

I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads.

I will make that time like mourning for an only son

and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD,

“when I will send a famine through the land—

not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹² People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east,

searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Amos 8.1-12

1 Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long:
of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?

2 You contrive destroying slanders:
your tongue is like a sharpened razor,
it cuts deceitfully.

3 You have loved evil, and not good:
to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.

4 You love all words that may do hurt:
and every deceit of the tongue.

5 But God will destroy you utterly:
he will snatch you away
and pluck you out of your dwelling,
he will uproot you from the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see it, and fear:
they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,

7 'Here is one who did not take God for strength:
but trusted to the abundance of riches,
and found strength in slander.'

8 As for me, I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God:

I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing:
I will glorify your name before the faithful,
for it is good to praise you.

The Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the COLOSSIANS, Chapter 1 verses 15-29:- PAGE 1788

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Hear The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Colossians 1.15-29

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LUKE Chapter 10 verses 38-42:-**PAGE 1580***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

For the Gospel of the Lord*Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**Luke 10 38-42*