

# 12th Sunday after Pentecost

*Primary O.T. Lesson and Psalm:* **Jeremiah 2:4-13**

**4**

Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob,  
all you clans of Israel.

**5** This is what the Lord says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.

**6**

They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord,  
who brought us up out of Egypt  
and led us through the barren wilderness,  
through a land of deserts and ravines,  
a land of drought and utter darkness,  
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

**7**

I brought you into a fertile land  
to eat its fruit and rich produce.  
But you came and defiled my land  
and made my inheritance detestable.

**8**

The priests did not ask,  
‘Where is the Lord?’  
Those who deal with the law did not know me;  
the leaders rebelled against me.  
The prophets prophesied by Baal,  
following worthless idols.

**9**

“Therefore I bring charges against you again,”  
declares the Lord.  
“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

**10**

Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and observe closely;  
see if there has ever been anything like this:

**11**

Has a nation ever changed its gods?  
(Yet they are not gods at all.)  
But my people have exchanged their glorious God

for worthless idols.

**12**

Be appalled at this, you heavens,  
and shudder with great horror,"  
declares the Lord.

**13**

"My people have committed two sins:  
They have forsaken me,  
the spring of living water,  
and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

### **Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

**For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of Asaph.**

**1**

Sing for joy to God our strength;  
shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

**10**

I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of Egypt.  
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

**11**

"But my people would not listen to me;  
Israel would not submit to me.

**12**

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts  
to follow their own devices.

**13**

"If my people would only listen to me,  
if Israel would only follow my ways,

**14**

how quickly I would subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes!

**15**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
and their punishment would last forever.

**16**

But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;  
with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

*Alternate O.T. Lesson and Psalm:* **Proverbs 25:6-7**

**6**

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,

and do not claim a place among his great men;  
**7**  
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"  
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

## **Psalm 112**

**1**  
Praise the Lord.  
Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.  
**2**  
Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
**3**  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.  
**4**  
Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.  
**5**  
Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
**6**  
Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.  
**7**  
They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.  
**8**  
Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.  
**9**  
They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honor.  
**10**  
The wicked will see and be vexed,  
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;  
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

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**N.T. Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16****Concluding Exhortations**

**1** Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. **2** Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **3** Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. **4** Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

**6** So we say with confidence,  
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

**7** Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. **16** And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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**Gospel reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14****Jesus at a Pharisee’s House**

**1** One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

**7** When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: **8** “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. **9** If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**12** Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. **13** But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”