



# PROPER 13

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR YEAR C

**Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-23**

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

What do all his labors profit a man.

Vanity of vanities, says the Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me; and who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a man who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of pain, and his work is a vexation; even in the night his mind does not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 49:1-11 [page 652]**

## Colossians 3:1-11

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians*

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Word of the Lord.

## Luke 12:13-21

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## **The ✠ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

Why are you preparing these things?

One of the multitude said to Jesus, “Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me.” But He said to Him, “Man, who made me a judge

or divider over you?” And He said to them, “Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.