

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos (8.1-6)

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit.
He said, 'Amos, what do you see?'
And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.'
Then the Lord said to me,
'The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.
The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord God;
'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place.
Be silent!' Hear this, you that trample on the needy
and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying,
'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 practise deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (12:22-31)

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples,
'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.
For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.
Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap,
they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.
Of how much more value are you than the birds!
And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that,
why do you worry about the rest?
Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!
And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink
and do not keep worrying.
For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things
and your Father knows that you need them.
Instead, strive for his kingdom
and these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**