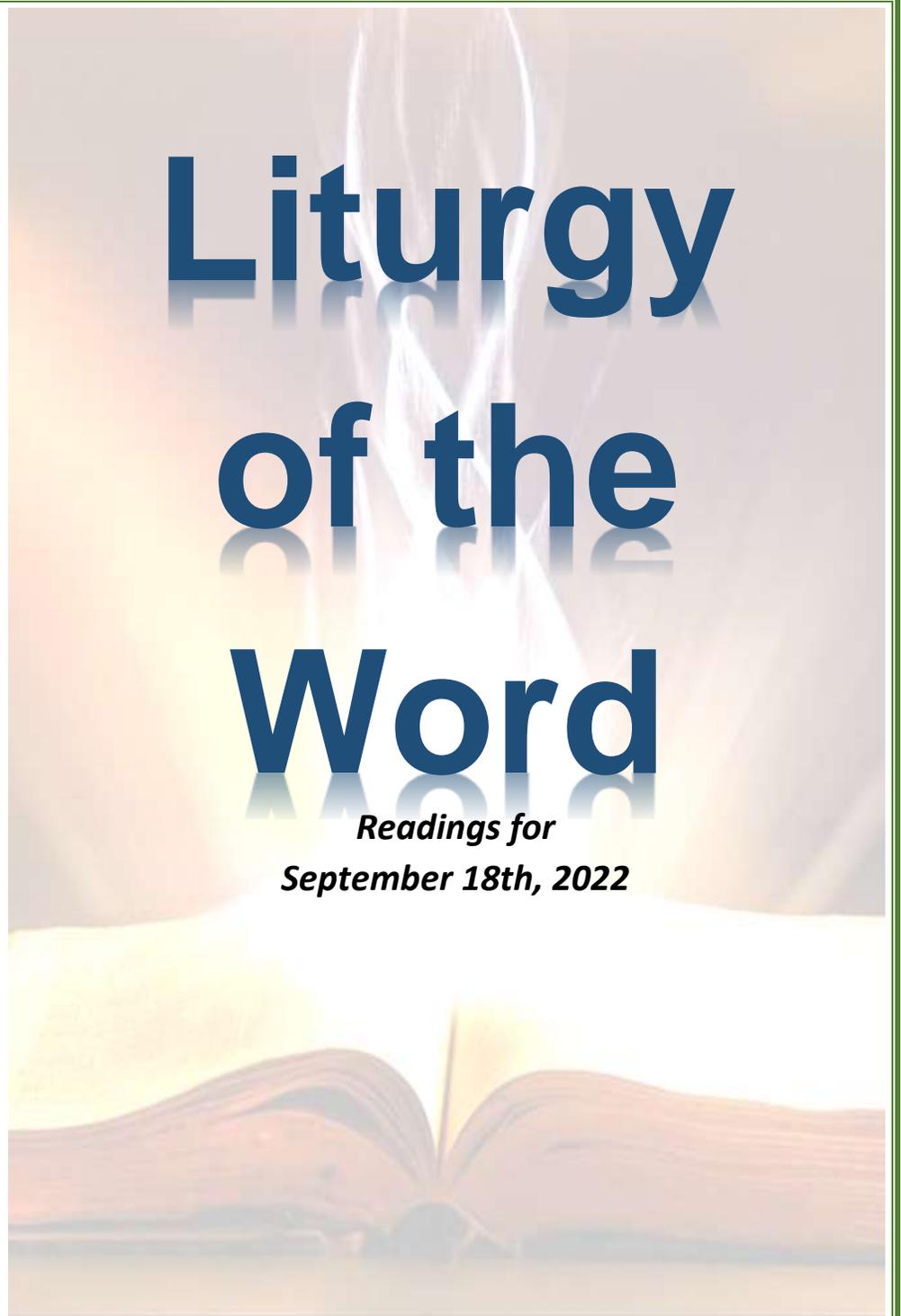


Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for
September 18th, 2022*



First Reading

Against those who force the poor to sell themselves.

Reading from the book of the prophet Amos (8:4-7)

Listen to this, those who seek the poor just to ruin him, and walk by saying, "When will the rest of the first day of the month pass to sell our wheat, and the rest of the Saturday to reopen our barns?" Measures decrease, prices increase, scales alter, force the poor to sell; for a pair of sandals they buy them and even sell the bran as wheat. The Lord, the glory of Israel, has sworn it: "I will never forget any of these actions."

Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 112

R. May all his servants praise the Lord.

* Blessed be the Lord, praise his servants. Blessed be the Lord, from now and forever. **R.**

* God is above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is there as the Lord? Who equals our God? **R.**

* He has in the heights his dwelling and yet from this, to go down his gaze deigns to see earth and sky. **R.**

* He lifts the helpless from the dust and pulls the homeless man out of the dung to make him sit among the great, the chiefs of his people. **R.**

Second Reading

Ask God for all men, for he wants everyone to be saved.

Reading from the first letter of the Apostle Paul to Timothy (2, 1-8)

I ask you, brother, that you may first of all pray, prayer, supplications and thanksgiving for all people, and in particular for the Heads of State and the other authorities, so that we may lead a life that is calm and peaceful, given to God and respectable in every way. This is good and pleasing to God, our savior, for He wants all men to be saved and all to come to the knowledge of the truth, for there is but one God and one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus, man him too, who gave himself as a ransom for all. **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***



Holy Gospel

You cannot serve God and money.

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (16, 1-13)

Glory to you, Lord

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager- Jesus told his disciples:

"There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So, he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' 'The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' 'So, he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. 'The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' 'Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels[b] of wheat,' he replied. 'He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' 'The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. 'Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.' **Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***

