

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost -July 20

(The Tears of Things Sermon Series: Week 2: Messenger to the Collective)

FIRST READING Amos 6:1, 4-7; 4:6-11; 9:13-15

📖 A reading from Amos

Chapter 4

⁶I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities
and lack of bread in all your places;
yet you did not return to me,
says the LORD.

⁷And I also withheld the rain from you
when there were still three months to the harvest;
I would send rain on one city
and send no rain on another city;
one field would be rained upon,
and the field on which it did not rain withered;

⁸so two or three towns wandered to one town
to drink water and were not satisfied;
yet you did not return to me,
says the LORD.

⁹I struck you with blight and mildew;
I laid waste your gardens and your vineyards;
the locust devoured your fig trees and your olive
trees;
yet you did not return to me,
says the LORD.

¹⁰I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of
Egypt;
I killed your young men with the sword;
I carried away your horses;
and I made the stench of your camp go up into your
nostrils;

yet you did not return to me,
says the LORD.

¹¹ I overthrew some of you
as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
and you were like a brand snatched from the fire;
yet you did not return to me,
says the LORD.

Chapter 6

¹ Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!
⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Chapter 9

¹³ The time is surely coming, says the LORD,
when the one who plows shall catch up with the one
who reaps
and the treader of grapes with the one who sows the
seed;

the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.

¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit
them;

they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

¹⁵ I will plant them upon their land,
and they shall never again be plucked up
out of the land that I have given them,
says the LORD your God

At the conclusion of the reading:

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL TEXT: Galatians 5:22-26

☒ The holy gospel according to Galatians.

☑ **Glory to you, O LORD.**

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

At the conclusion of the reading:

☒ The gospel of the LORD.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**