

At Home Liturgy of the Word, September 27, 2020
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER, leader

O God,
who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you
and of our neighbor, grant that,
by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.
We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever

- I. A. **Ezekiel 18:25-28** (*Old Testament*) *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind, like a reference to another scripture passage, a memory from one's life, a song, a dream, a statement, or the word or phrase from this passage that you remember or like the most; or draw the picture that stayed in your mind. This is to be short and simple with no discussion at this time.*

II. PSALM RESPONSE, *read together*

Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Antiphon:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (18a)

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Repeat the Antiphon

- III. A. **Philippians 2:1-11** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*
- IV. A. **Matthew 21:28-32** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

V. *Now spend some time discussing how these readings relate to your lives. These discussion questions* may be helpful:*

1. Relate an experience when you were given a second chance.
2. Describe a time when you were asked to help others but found an excuse not to do it.
3. Describe an event or encounter that made you change your behavior or attitude.

VI. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: With faith, let us seek the Lord while he may be found.
With trust, let us call on God while God is still near.

Reader:

1. For God's prophets to the church and for all the people to whom they are sent, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For governments that do not promote fair wages and taxes for all, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For the unemployed, for immigrants and migrants, and for victims of discrimination, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For unrepentant sinners and the self-righteous, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For all fallen away members of the church who no longer work in God's vineyard, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For the candidates and voters at this time of our general election, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions may be added. If praying for an individual or a certain group of people, conclude the intercession with praying for all in that specific situation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us hold each other in spiritual communion with all members of the Church, as we dare to say:

Our Father who art in heaven...For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

CONCLUDING PRAYER, leader

Almighty God,

You are the source of all good things.

Help us build communities that prepare for your glorious reign.

We ask this through Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Please write down any questions or comments and pass them on to your pastor.

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