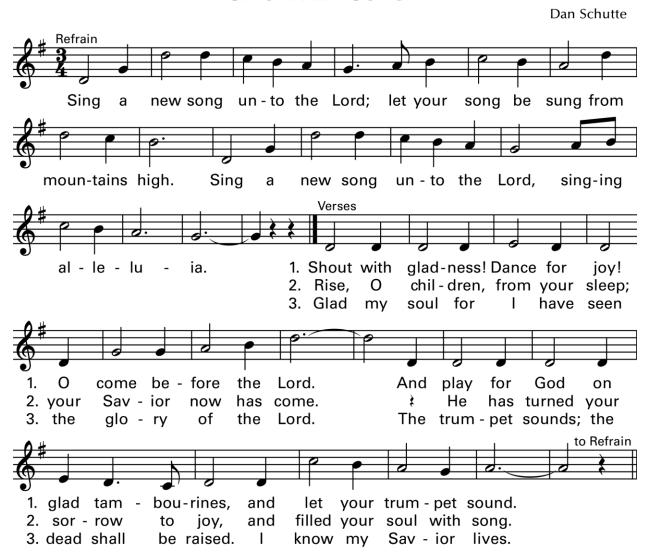
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time St Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish October 18, 2020

SING A NEW SONG



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Reading 1

IS 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name,

giving you a title, though you knew me not.

I am the LORD and there is no other,

there is no God besides me.

It is I who arm you, though you know me not,

so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun

people may know that there is none besides me.

I am the LORD, there is no other.

PSALM 96: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



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Reading 2

1 THES 1:1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians

in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you,

remembering you in our prayers,

unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love

and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,

before our God and Father,

knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,

how you were chosen.

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,

but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. V



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Gospel

MT 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off

and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,

"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man

and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,

for you do not regard a person's status.

Tell us, then, what is your opinion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

and to God what belongs to God."

Prayers of the Faithful

For the Church, that we may continue to recognize God's work in the world today and point to God as the ultimate source of all that we have, let us pray to the Lord.

For our elected leaders, that they may be ever cognizant of the privilege they have to hold their positions of power and that they exercise that privilege for the benefit of all whom they serve, let us pray to the Lord.

For missionaries around the world, that their efforts may yield an abundant harvest as they bear witness to God's love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

For vulnerable children and teens, especially young women, who suffer abuse, exploitation, or worse, that they may receive help and hope in the darkness, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may grow in appreciation for all that we have as we repay to God what belongs to God, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are ill with the coronavirus: that God's healing love will touch them, relieve their suffering, and restore them to health, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who work to provide essential services during this pandemic, that they may find the strength and energy to continue the work they are doing and they be kept safe in all that they do for those in their care, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died, especially Frances Freza and those who have died from the Corona Virus pandemic, that we may know their presence eternally in the communion of saints, let us pray to the Lord.

For Louise Prybys, John & Jeanette Dygdon, Theresa Manikowski, Luke & Mary Marren, Walter Hildebrandt, Lodovida Antolec, Geraldine Mulhall, and Nancy Halper, for whom this Mass is being offered, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers in our parish intention book, for the prayer requests that have been sent in and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts (PAUSE)..., let us pray to the Lord

