



9/20/20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Song:

SEEK THE LORD Roc O'Connor © 1996 OCP Publications

Seek the Lord while He may be found / call to Him while He is still near.

1. As high as the sky is above the earth / so high above our ways / the ways of the Lord.
2. Open your heart to hear the voice of God / whose words whose ways / lead us to life.

READING 1

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm:

PSALM 145: THE LORD NEAR

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The Lord is near / to all who call upon Him.

READING 2

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 20: 1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them

also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Preparation of the Gifts Song:

OPEN MY EYES Jesse Manibusan © 2006 spiritandsong.com

1. Open my eyes Lord / Help me to see Your face / Open my eyes Lord / Help me to see.

2. Open my ears Lord / Help me to hear Your voice / Open my ears Lord / Help me to hear.

(Bridge): And the first shall be last / and our eyes are opened / and we'll hear like never before / And we'll speak in new ways / and we'll see God's face / in places we've never known.

3. Open my heart Lord / Help me to love like You / Open my heart Lord / Help me to love.

Communion Song:

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1. O how blessed are the poor in spirit / the kingdom of God is theirs / O how blessed those who dwell in sorrow / they surely will be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad / beloved of the Lord / the kingdom of heaven is yours / The first shall be last / the last shall be first / for such is the wisdom of God.

2. O how blessed are the meek and lowly / for they shall possess the earth / O how blessed those who thirst for justice / they surely will have their fill.

3. O how blessed are the pure of heart / for they shall behold God's face / O how blessed those who mend with mercy / forgiveness is their reward.

4. O how blessed those who fight for peace / the children of God are they / O how blessed those despised and hated / who bear it because of Me.

Recessional Song:
WE BELONG TO YOU

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We belong to You O Lord of our longing / we belong to You / In our daily living dying and rising / we belong to You.

1. In the waters of Your mercy / when the old becomes the new / Souls united in the mystery / We belong to You.

2. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness / Spirit breathing life into / All who seek to find their purpose / We belong to You.

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