

SAINT MARY'S, LANESVILLE
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

GATHERING SONG

For the Fruits of All Creation

By Fred Pratt Green

Verse 1

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God
For the plowing, sowing, reaping
Silent growth while we are sleeping
Future needs in earth's safekeeping
Thanks be to God

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor. God's will is done
In the help we give our neighbor
God's will is done
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing
In the harvests we are sharing
God's will is done

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit
Thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit
Thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us
For the truths that still confound us
Most of all that love has found us
Thanks be to God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we
give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you
take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are
the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

1st READING

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 is near to all who call upon Him.

2nd READING 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.”

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and

rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG*Lord of All Hopefulness*

By Jan Struther

Verse 1

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Whose trust ever childlike
No cares could destroy
Be there at our waking and give us we pray
Your peace in our hearts, Lord
At the break of the day

Verse 3

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace
Your hands swift to welcome
Your arms to embrace
Be there at our homing and give us we pray
Your love in our hearts, Lord
At the eve of the day

Verse 4

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm
Whose voice is contentment
Whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping and give us we pray
Your peace in our hearts, Lord
At the end of the day.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.