

September 20th/ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

IS 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.

The Word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

SECOND READING

PHIL 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.

The Word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

ACTS16:14B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

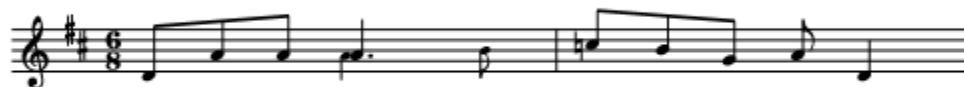
Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

R/ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

ENTRANCE HYMN

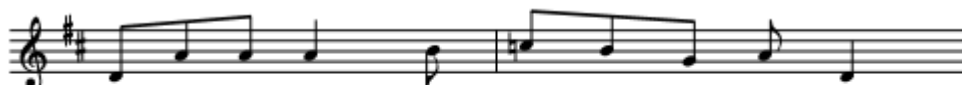
Gather Us In / Únenos Hoy



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.

Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,

Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;

Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion

We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

COMMUNION HYMN

ONLY THIS I WANT

Dan Schutte

Refrain

On - ly this I want: but to know the Lord,
 and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

Verses

1. All but this is loss, worth-less ref-use to me,
 2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
 3. Let your heart be glad, al - ways glad in the Lord,

1. for to gain the Lord is to gain — all I need.
 2. so to win the prize of the king-dom of my Lord.
 3. so to shine like stars in the dark-ness of the night.

to Refrain

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion My good Jesus, I thank You with all my heart for giving me Yourself, the Source of all graces, in holy communion. I thank You for all the blessings that I have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, I offer You all that I am and have. Dispose of me according to Your pleasure. May Your will be done in me and through me, now and forever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING



1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2. With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God who is liv-ing,



1. The peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 2. The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we em-brace.



1. God's sac-ri-fice end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed
 2. Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



1. The fruits of this Mass in all hearts who be-lieve.
 2. We claim as our fam-'ly all those of each race.



1. The seed of Christ's teach-ing, Our in-ner souls reach-ing,
 2. One bread that has fed us, One light that has led us



1. Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 2. U-nite us as one in the life that we share.



1. God's grace shall in-cite us, In love shall u-nite us
 2. Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



1. To fur-ther God's king-dom and an-swer the call.
 2. Give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

