

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19 & 20, 2020



## Weekly Reflection—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Sunday Gospel recounts the story of the vineyard owner who hired workers throughout the day and then paid everyone for a full day's work. Many sympathize with the workers who put in a full day and feel this was unfair. Some just think the owner must be nuts paying people more than they had earned. But that misses the point—this is about the reign of God. God does not play by our little rules nor does God deal with us as we deserve. God is generous. We need to learn to rejoice in his unconditional love for all of us.

*The Lord is good to all  
and compassionate to all his works.  
- Psalm 145:9*

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## AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

SALZBURG JAKOB HINTZE 1678

REGIAS AGNI DAPES 1632

tr. ROBERT CAMPBELL 1849



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, sin a - lone can this de - stroy;



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pier - cèd side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.  
from sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
Now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall:  
Hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;



gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

## 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.

## READING 1

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.  
**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.**

## READING 2

*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  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA *Acts 16:14B*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL *MT 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."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE 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.

## PRAYER TO END RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters, and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Please respond: “*Lord Hear our Prayer.*”**

For the Church, that we may strive to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel.

We pray to the Lord.

For political leaders, that they may work with their peers and enact laws for the common good.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who earn their living from the land, that they may be rewarded generously for their labor.

We pray to the Lord.

That the dignity of human life will be protected in our laws.

We pray to the Lord.

For the intentions inscribed in our book of prayer, in our prayer baskets, and lifted to Jesus in the quiet of our heart...

We pray to the Lord.

For all of our beloved dead, especially Margaret Larson and the intention of this Mass...

4:00 p.m.: Omar Herrera

6:00 p.m.: Mary Ann Wojtalewicz

8:30 a.m.: Ervin Lilla

10:30 a.m.: Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph & St. Stephen parishes

We pray to the Lord.

## IMMACULATE MARY

LOURDES HYMN PYRENEAN MELODY ARR. AUGUSTUS TOZER  
PAROCHIAL HYMNBOOK 1897



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;  
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim;  
3. Your name is our pow - er, your vir - tues our light;  
4. We pray for the Church, our true moth - er on earth;

You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus, our King.  
On earth we, your chil - dren, in - voke your sweet name.  
Your love is our com - fort, your prayers are our might.  
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth.

A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Mar - í - a!  
A - ve, a - ve, Mar - í - a!

## HOLY

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
Grant us, grant us peace.

## BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE IRISH BALLAD  
Mary E. Byrne 1905, Eleanor Hall 1912



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
All else be nought to me, save that thou art.  
I e - er with thee and thou with me, Lord  
May I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## PRAISE TO THE LORD

LOBET DEN HERREN STRALSUND GESANGBUCH  
JOACHIN NEANDER  
tr. CATHERINE WINKWORTH



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing,  
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore Him!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and sal - va - tion!  
And as on wings of an ea - gle, so gen - tly sus - tain - ing!  
Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you;  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him;  
All you who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near;  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain,  
Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
As with His love He be - friends you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him.

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