



4 OCTOBER 2026 ❖ 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A



JESUS CHRIST: THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CHURCH, THE NEW PEOPLE OF GOD

Today is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The parable of Jesus in the Gospel is about the generous landowner who entrusted his vineyard to workers so they could share in its fruits, but they rejected his messengers and even killed his beloved son. The analogy reveals God's loving care for His people. He sent His beloved Son, Jesus, whom the builders rejected, yet through His death and Resurrection, He became the cornerstone of the new People of God. In this Eucharist, may we welcome God's love, remain faithful to His Word, and bear fruit in His vineyard.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

Within your will, O Lord,
all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven
and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle
of heaven;
you are the Lord of all. *(Cf. Est 4:17)*

GREETING

P – Grace and peace from God our Father,
the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All – And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P – God lovingly cares for His people as a
vinedresser tends his vineyard, yet we often fail
to bear the fruits of justice, love, and peace.

As the new People of God, let us humbly
confess our sins, especially the good
we have failed to do. *(Pause)*

All – **I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly
sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in
what I have done and in what I have failed
to do, *(strike your breast)* through my fault,
through my fault, through my most grievous
fault. Therefore, I ask the blessed Mary ever-
Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the
Lord our God.**

P – May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting
life.

All – Amen.

P – Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

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GLORIA

All – 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.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P –Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those
who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Is 5:1-7

R –A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah

Let me now sing of my friend,
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He spaded it, cleared it of stones,
and planted the choicest vines;
within it he built a watchtower,
and hewed out a wine press.

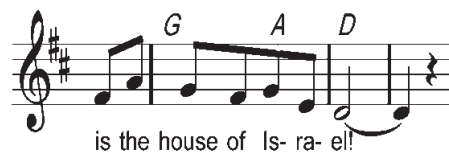
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,
but what it yielded was wild grapes.
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people
of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes?
Now, I will let you know
what I mean to do with my vineyard:
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,
break through its wall, let it be trampled!
Yes, I will make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
but overgrown with thorns and briers;
I will command the clouds
not to send rain upon it.
The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house
of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished
plant.
He looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

The word of the Lord.
All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

R – The vineyard of the Lord is the house
of Israel.

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- * A vine from Egypt you transplanted;
you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River. **R.**
- * Why have you broken down its walls,
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit;
the boar from the forest lays it waste,
and the beasts of the field feed
upon it? **R.**

* Once again, O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted,
the son of man whom you yourself
made strong. **R.**

* Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call
upon your name.
O Lord, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we
shall be saved. **R.**

2nd Reading

Phil 4:6-9

R –A reading from the Letter of Paul
to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.**

**Then the peace of God that surpasses
all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.**

**Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.**

**Keep on doing what you have learned
and received
and heard and seen in me.**

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Jn 15:16

All–Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world,
says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

P –The Lord be with you.

All –And with your spirit.

P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew

All–Glory to you, O Lord.

**Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders
of the people: “Hear another parable.
There was a landowner who planted
a vineyard,
put a hedge around it, dug a wine press
in it, and built a tower.**

**Then he leased it to tenants and went
on a journey.**

**When vintage time drew near,
he sent his servants to the tenants
to obtain his produce.**

**But the tenants seized the servants
and one they beat,
another they killed, and a third
they stoned.**

**Again he sent other servants, more numerous
than the first ones,**

but they treated them in the same way.

**Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, ‘
They will respect my son.’**

**But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to one another,
‘This is the heir.**

**Come, let us kill him and acquire
his inheritance.’**

**They seized him, threw him out
of the vineyard, and killed him.**

**What will the owner of the vineyard do
to those tenants when he comes?”**

They answered him,

**“He will put those wretched men
to a wretched death**

**and lease his vineyard to other tenants
who will give him the produce
at the proper times.”**

**Jesus said to them, “Did you never read
in the Scriptures:**

***The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;***

***by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?***

**Therefore, I say to you,
the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you
and given to a people that will produce
its fruit.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

**All – 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, *(bow)*
** 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 OF THE FAITHFUL

P—God the Father has entrusted His vineyard to us and sent His Son to save us. Confident in His love, let us pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

All— Lord, hear our prayer.

C —For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord: may Pope Leo XIV, the bishops, and priests lead God’s people in humble service and help us bear fruits of justice, love, and peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C —For world and national leaders: may they serve with justice and compassion, especially toward the poor and vulnerable. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C —For our parish community: may our lives bear abundant fruits of love, peace, joy, and mercy—yielding a rich harvest back to the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C —For our departed loved ones: may God welcome them into His eternal vineyard and grant them everlasting life. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

P —Almighty and merciful God, hear our prayers, forgive our failures, and help us bear fruits worthy of Your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.
All—Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P —Pray, brethren . . .

All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P —Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

PREFACE VII

P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P —Lift up your hearts.

All—We lift them up to the Lord.

P —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All— It is right and just.

P —It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you so loved the world

that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,
to live like us in all things but sin,
so that you might love in us what you loved
in your Son,

by whose obedience we have been restored
to those gifts of yours
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.
And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation
we acclaim:

**All – 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.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P – The mystery of faith.
All– Save us, Savior of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

All– Our Father . . .

P– Deliver us, Lord . . .

All – For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All– Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
have mercy on us. (2x)
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

P – Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All – Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is sung.)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him. *(Lam 3:25)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P – Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.
All– Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P – The Lord be with you.
All– And with your spirit.

P – May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All– Amen.

P – Go in peace and be instruments of God's
love for all.
All– Thanks be to God.



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