



20 SEPTEMBER 2026 ❖ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A



‘GOD’S LOVE IS NOT A WAGE BUT A GIFT’

Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the laborers—and it unsettles us. Those who worked longer expected more... but all received the same. Why? Because God’s saving love is not a wage—it is a gift. We cannot earn more of His grace... or receive less. Everything we have comes from God’s loving heart. This is the Good News: we are loved not because we deserve it... but because God is love. And in this Eucharist, we receive that same grace—freely given.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

GREETING

P –All praise and honor to the Blessed Trinity who calls us to work in the vineyard of the Kingdom. May his grace and peace be with you all.

All—And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P –As we are about to start the Eucharistic Sacrifice, let us pause briefly to examine our

conscience and realize how much we need God’s forgiveness and strength. (Pause)

P –For the times we have allowed our envy of the success of others to poison our hearts and minds, Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

P –For the times we have allowed our jealousy to tarnish the reputation of people who are more successful than us, Christ, have mercy.

All—Christ, have mercy.

P –For the times we have dared to accuse you of playing favorites and being unfair, Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

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

All—Amen.

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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 –O God, who founded all the commands of
your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbor,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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 55:6-9

R –A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah

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.
All –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.

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- * 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.**

2nd Reading

Phil 1:20-24.27

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

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.
All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All–Alleluia, alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a

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 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.
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 is never outdone in generosity.
 Trusting in His goodness, which goes beyond
 our standards of fairness, let us come before
 Him and pray:

All—Loving Father, hear us.

C – For our Church leaders and ministers—the
 Pope, the bishops, priests, deacons, and lay
 leaders—may they reflect God’s generous heart
 and proclaim His grace that is freely given to all.
 We pray: **R.**

C – For government officials and all civil
 servants—may they serve with integrity and
 fairness, seeking the common good without
 envy or self-interest. We pray: **R.**

C – For our parish community and our
 families—may we be freed from comparison
 and jealousy, and learn to rejoice in the blessings
 given to others. We pray: **R.**

C – For the unemployed and those seeking
 work—may they encounter compassionate
 employers who mirror God’s generosity and
 provide just opportunities for all. We pray: **R.**

P – Almighty God, Your ways are nobler
 than our ways, and Your generosity surpasses
 all human measure. Teach us to trust in Your
 grace, to rejoice in Your goodness, and to live
 with hearts free from envy. We ask this through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.
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 –Receive with favor, O Lord, we pray,
 the offerings of your people,
 that what they profess with devotion and faith
 may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
 Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

PREFACE III

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 we know it belongs to your boundless glory,
 that you came to the aid of mortal beings with
 your divinity

and even fashioned for us a remedy out of
 mortality itself,

that the cause of our downfall

might become the means of our salvation,
 through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your
 majesty

and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
 in one chorus of exultant praise, as 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.



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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.)

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

(Ps 119 (118): 4-5)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P –Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
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 to work generously in the
vineyard of the Lord.

All–Thanks be to God.



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