
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
– SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 –

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6–9 (133A)

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. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18

Common Psalm 19, 27, 34, 63, 95, 100 or 103 may be used in place of this psalm.



℟. The Lord is near to all who call up - on 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. **℟.**

▶ 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. **℟.**

▶ 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. **℟.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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. **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts of the Apostles 16:14b



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(Omit if not sung)

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16a

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **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."

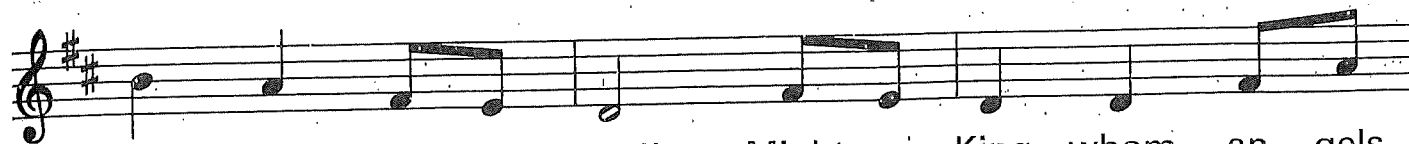
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

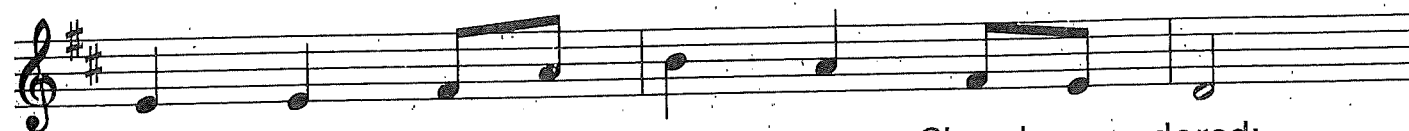
NETTLETON



1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who
 3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -
 4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



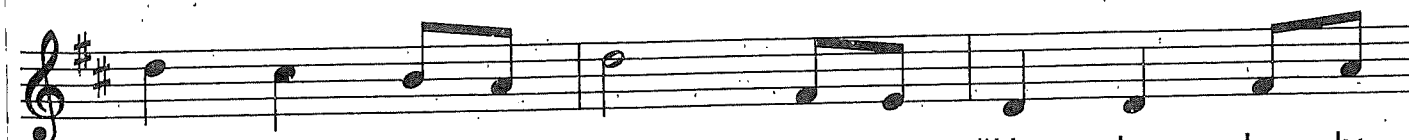
1. name you sov-'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels
 2. set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -
 3. last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your vir - gin
 4. judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy help your



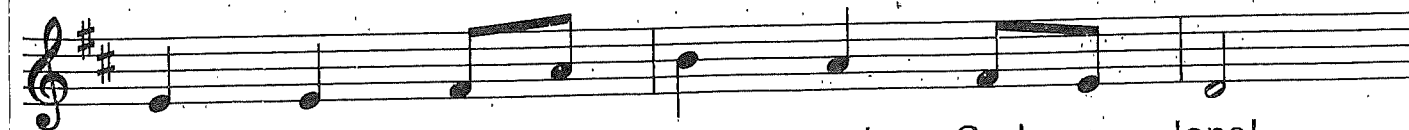
1. wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church, a - dored:
 2. heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise;
 3. moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you trod:
 4. ser - vants For whose free - dom you have paid:



1. All cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and
 2. While your Church on earth con - fess - es One ma -
 3. By your cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con -
 4. Raise us up from dust to glo - ry, Guard us



1. earth draw near your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2. jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
 3. front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened to be -
 4. from all sin to - day; King en - throned a - bove all



1. ho - ly," Lord of hosts and God a - lone!
 2. Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
 3. liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
 4. prais - es, Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

COME, FOLLOW ME

Gael Berberick (ASCAP) and Barney Walker (ASCAP)

Refrain



Come, fol - low me and live; do not be a - fraid. Be -
lieve and trust in me; your faith will give you strength. Leave
all your fears be - hind you; let your heart be free, for
I will be your guide. Oh, come and fol - low me.

Verses



1. Come, fol - low in these foot-steps; I'll lead you gent - ly home.
2. Come, walk a - cross the wa - ter; place all your faith in me.
3. If you re - main with - in me, my words re - main in you.

to Refrain



1. No shel - ter, food nor mon - ey will you need up - on this road.
2. Cast all your doubts be - hind you to the wind and rag - ing sea.
3. What - ev - er you may ask of me, that is what I will do.

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y
 Take and drink; take and drink:

giv-en up for you. this is my blood giv-en up for you.

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner-stone that - God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;

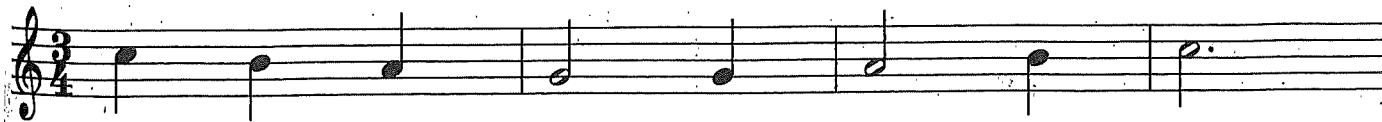
1. I am the seed that died to be re - born;
2. I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
3. I am the gate that guards you night and day;
4. A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
5. I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
6. I am the Lord who died that you might live;

1. I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
2. I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
3. You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
4. You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
5. I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
6. I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;

1. I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
2. I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
4. Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
5. Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
6. You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

TELL THE GOOD NEWS

GELOBT SEI GOTT



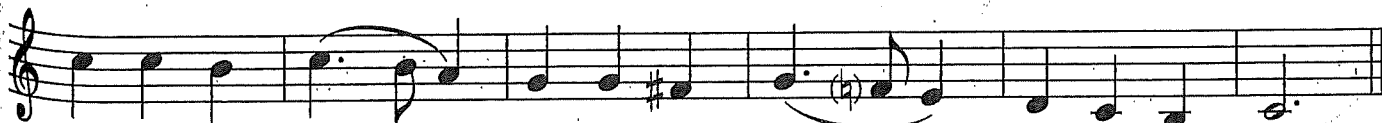
1. Tell the good news to all the earth:
2. Filled with the Spir - it, Je - sus came,
3. Filled with the Spir - it, forth we go;



1. Je - sus re - veals our hu - man worth.
2. Heal - ing the sick, the blind and lame.
3. Je - sus' own word, the seed we sow.



1. Let ev - ery heart to joy give birth!
2. Let ev - ery crea - ture praise his name!
3. Let ev - ery land the gos - pel know!



- 1-3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell, Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII (1810–1903)

THE MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD

Remember, O most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Leader:

Let us ask God to give worthy Priests, Deacons,
Brothers, Sisters, and Consecrated Secular, to His
Holy Church.

Assembly:

O GOD / we earnestly beseech You / to bless our
diocese / with many Priests, Deacons, Brothers,
Sisters, and Consecrated Seculars / who will love you
with their whole strength / and gladly spend their
entire lives / to serve Your Church / and to make
You known and loved.

Leader:

Bless our families. / Bless our children.

Assembly:

Choose from our homes / those who are needed
for Your work.

Leader:

Mary, Mother of Vocations.

Assembly:

Pray for us, / that our families may encourage
vocations / and many may respond to the call of
Your Son, Jesus. / AMEN.