

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“My friend, I am not cheating you.
Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what is yours and go.”*

(Cycle A)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Called to Labor in God's Vineyard

1. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Ea - ger to ac -
2. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Not a - lone, but
3. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Help us, Lord, in

cept the task, Us - ing ev - 'ry skill and tal - ent,
joined as one, Shar - ing com - mon goals and val - ues,
all we do. As the vines are heav - y - lad - en,

Do - ing all that God would ask, May we give our -
Striv - ing till the task is done, May we work with
Send more work - ers called by you. May our work bear

selves com - plete - ly To the work that is at hand,
one an - oth - er In a just and hon - est way,
fruit e - ter - nal And our fer - vor nev - er cease,

Of - fer - ing our will - ing serv - ice
Wheth - er hired at dawn or sun - set,
Till at last, the har - vest gath - ered,

As the stew - ards of the land.
Not ex - pect - ing great - er pay.
We may rest and know your peace.

Greeting

Ÿ. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Ÿ. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Love of God
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

R. And also with you.

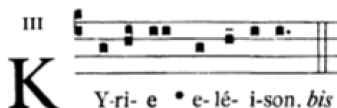
PENITENTIAL RITE (C2 *Kyrie XVI in Feriis*)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

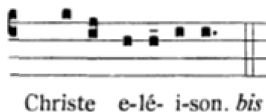
Ÿ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,
let us call to mind our faults and failings
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy
for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

Ÿ Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:



Ÿ You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:



Ÿ You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:



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

R Amen.

Gloria

Priest/cantor: *All:*

V **G** Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-

Choir: *All:*

ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus

te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus

ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us,

Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li

u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus

De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-

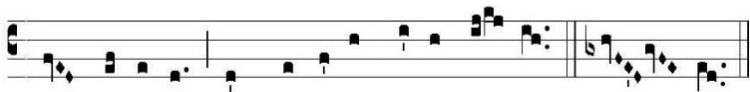
ré-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-

ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dexte-ram Pa-tris, mi-

se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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.**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray to the Lord who is a God of love to all peoples.

Pause for silent meditation.

Father in heaven,
the perfection of justice is found in your love
and all mankind is in need of your law.

Help us to find this love in each other
that justice may be attained
through obedience to your law.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*IS 55:6-9*)

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.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*)



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

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

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 near to all who call upon him.

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.

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

Reading 2 (*PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians:

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.

¶. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*ACTS 16:14B*)

Ant.
6
A L-le-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

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

Ant.
6
A L-le-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

Gospel (MT 20:1-16A)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

℟. Glory to you 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."

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
All bow at these two lines
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several
prayer intentions. Each concludes, “We pray to the Lord.”*

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer
ending with “. . . through Christ, our Lord.”*

℟. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

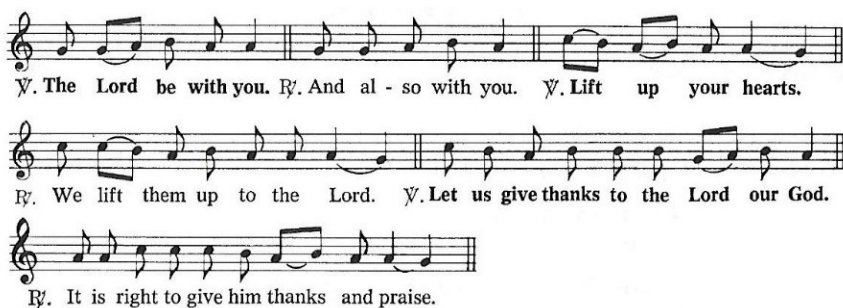
**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,
may these gifts which we now offer
to show our belief and our love
be pleasing to you.
May they become for us
the eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Sundays in Ordinary Time I)

The Paschal Mystery and the People of God



Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, featuring a simple melody with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.

℞. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:

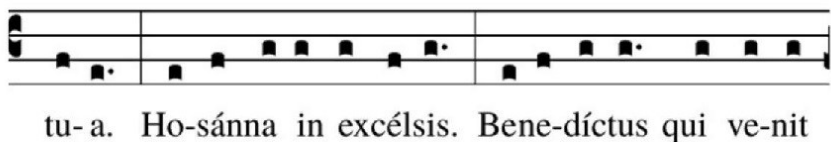
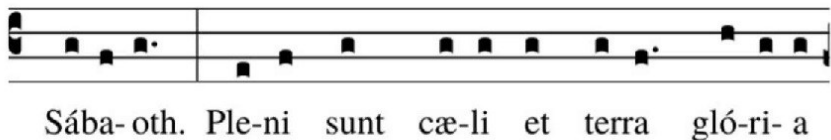
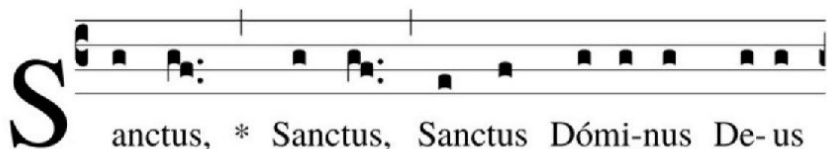
Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection
he freed us from sin and death
and called us to the glory that has made us
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people set apart.

Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works
for you have called us out of darkness
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

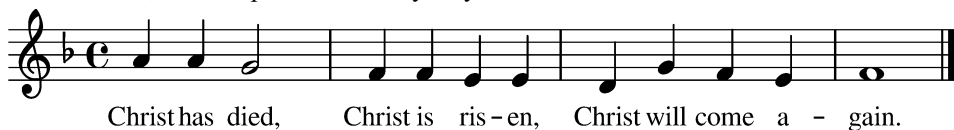
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Eucharistic Prayer (I)

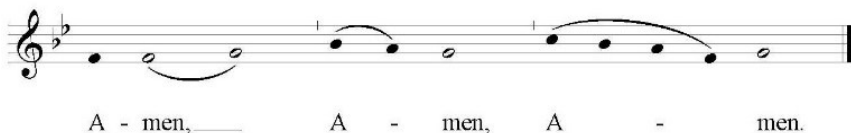
The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father
Forever and ever.



COMMUNION LITURGY

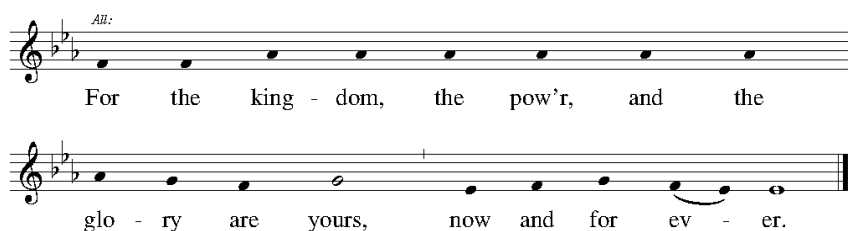
The Lord's Prayer

℣. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

℣. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



All:
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

XII. s.

A -gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Ψ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**℞. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant
says:*

Ψ. The body and blood of Christ.

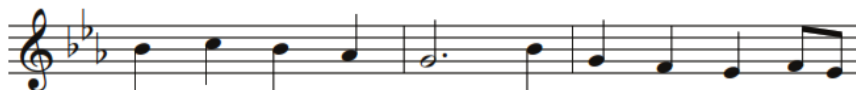
℞. Amen.

Communion Meditation

The Owner of the Vinyard



1. The own - er of the vine - yard re -
2. The own - er turned and asked them, "Why
3. O God, like vine - yard own - er, so
4. We can - not earn your grac - es or



ward - ed all who came, but late and ear - ly
are your fac - es long? I gave you all I
lav - ish and so free, you give with sweet a -
claim them as our right, but kind - ness is your



work - ers were treat - ed just the same. Then
prom - ised and sure - ly did no wrong. Are
ban - don to all hu - man - i - ty. If
na - ture and giv - ing, your de - light. We



those who bore the bur - den of blis - t'ring
you now filled with en - vy, be - liev - ing
mer - it were your stan - dard, we could not
thank you, God most gen - 'rous, whose ways are



heat all day com - plained that long - er
me un - fair? May I not give as
thrive and grow, for we re - ly on
not our ways. For gifts we do not



la - bor de - served more lib - 'ral pay.
wag - es the wealth that's mine to share?"
mer - cy, so great the debt we owe.
mer - it, we sing our grate - ful praise.

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
help us with your kindness.
Make us strong through the eucharist.
May we put into action
the saving mystery we celebrate.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

Solemn Blessing (13)

Y. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the God of all consolation
bless you in every way
and grant you peace all the days of your life.

R. Amen.

May he free you from all anxiety
and strengthen your hearts in his love.

R. Amen.

May he enrich you with his gifts of faith, hope, and love,
so that what you do in this life
may bring you to the happiness of everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Y. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Dismissal

Y. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

Concluding Hymn

Those Who Love and Those Who Labor



1. Those who love and those who la - bor Fol - low in the
2. Where the man - y work to - geth - er, They with Christ him -
3. Let the seek - er nev - er fal - ter Till the truth is



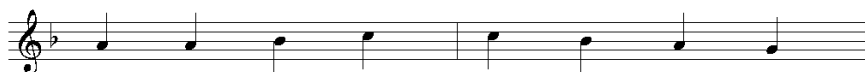
way of Christ; Thus the first dis - ci - ples found him,
self a - bide, But the lone - ly work - ers al - so
found a - far With the wis - dom of the a - ges



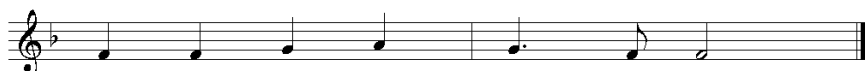
Thus the gift of love suf - ficed. Je - sus says to
Find him ev - er at their side. Lo, the Prince of
Un - der - neath a gi - ant star, With the rich - est



those who seek him, I will nev - er pass you by;
com - mon wel - fare Dwells with - in the mar - ket strife;
and the poor - est, Of the sum of things pos - sessed,



Raise the stone and you shall find me;
Lo, the bread of heav'n is bro - ken
Like a child at first to won - der,



Cleave the wood, and there am I.
In the sac - ra - ment of life.
Like a king at last to rest.