

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St. Stephen's Parish  
September 20, 2020 - 9:30 AM**



**Prelude: Seek The Lord (Roc O'Connor)**

**Entrance: Give Me Ears To Listen (Timothy Smith)**

*Let me be your servant; let me walk your way.  
Guide me on your path; give night the light of day.  
Let me be a sure foundation, pure and strong.  
Let me tell of your salvation all life long.*

*Give me ears to listen. Give me eyes to see.  
Give me words to speak and show your face to me.*

## Glory To God

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.

## First Reading: Isaiah 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

### PSALM 145: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



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

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## Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

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.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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## **Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

**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.**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



## Presentation of the Gifts

### As CHRIST IS FOR US

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Verse



1. In the bread we share with the hun-gry, in the help we  
2. May the bread we share give us cour-age to re-store the  
3. May the bread we share keep us mind-ful and the fruit of the



1. give to the poor, in the kind-ness we show to the  
2. earth in this time. For the sake of our chil-dren's de -  
3. vine make us one. Let the whole hu-man fam - 'ly to -



1. strang - er we find Christ the o - pen door.  
2. scen-dants let us hon - or God's an - cient de - sign.  
3. geth - er heed the cry of our is - land home.

Refrain



So we rise with him each morn-ing, and we work, as work we must,



to be Christ for oth-ers as Christ is for us,

1: to Verse 2  
2: to Bridge



to be Christ for oth-ers as Christ is for us.

Bridge

And as we care for each other  
so must we care for our home:

air that we breathe, waters that run,  
flowing with life for the good of all. (to Verse 3)

## Communion Song: Pan De Vida (Bob Hurd/Pia Moriarty)

### **Refrain:**

*Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor,  
cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.*

*At this table the last shall be first.*

*Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.*

### **Verse 1:**

*We are the dwelling of God,  
fragile and wounded and weak.*

*We are the body of Christ,  
called to be the compassion of God.*

### **Verse 2:**

*You call me Teacher and Lord;  
I, who have washed your feet.*

*So you must do as I do,  
so the greatest must become the least.*

### **Verse 3:**

*There is no Jew or Greek;  
there is no slave or free;  
there is no woman or man;  
only heirs of the promise of God.*



## Closing Song: Laudate, Laudate Dominum (Christopher Walker)

*Laudate, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.*

*Exsultate, jubilate per annos Domini, omnes gentes.*

*Laudate, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.*

*Exsultate, jubilate per annos Domini, omnes gentes.*

*In the faith of Christ we walk hand in hand,*

*light before our path as the Lord has planned;*

*shining the torch of faith in our land:*

*in the name of Christ Jesus.*

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**Thank you for joining us!**

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