

# October 1, 2023

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gathering song:

#### Glory and Praise to Our God

Dan Schutte ©1976 OCP

**Refrain:** *Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days, Many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways.*

1. We, the daughters and sons of Him who built the valleys and plains, Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings.

#### **Refrain**

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. **Refrain**

### Reading 1

Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

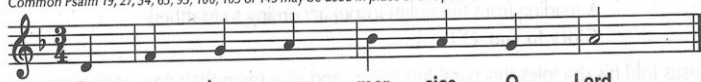
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Common Psalm 19, 27, 34, 63, 95, 100, 103 or 145 may be used in place of this psalm.

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9



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### Reading 2

Phil 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any solace in love,  
any participation in the Spirit,  
any compassion and mercy,  
complete my joy by being of the same mind,  
with the same love,  
united in heart, thinking one thing.  
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of  
vainglory;  
rather, humbly regard others as more important  
than yourselves,  
each looking out not for his own interests,  
but also for those of others.  
Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.

### ALLELUIA

### Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

## Preparation of Gifts:

### Prayer of St. Francis

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1. Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

**Refrain:** *O Master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, with all my soul.*

3. Make me a channel of your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## Communion:

### Vine and Branches

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**Refrain:** *I am the vine and you the branches. Remain in me as I remain in you; You will bear great fruit in me.*

1. A new commandment I give you: Even as I have loved you, now love one another. **Refrain**
2. No greater love is there than this: Than to lay down your life, your life for your friends. **Refrain**
3. I am the living bread from heaven; If you eat this bread, you will live forever. **Refrain**
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood Remain in me and I remain in them. **Refrain**
5. The words that I have spoken are spirit and life, They are spirit and life. **Refrain**
6. And now as I have washed your feet, So you must do just as I have done. **Refrain**

### Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell ©1983 OCP

**Refrain:** *Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.*

1. If we have died with Him, then we shall live with Him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. **Refrain**
2. If any one serves me, then they must follow me; wherever I am, my servants will be. **Refrain**
3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you; those who remain in me bear much fruit. **Refrain**
4. If you remain in me and my word lives in you, then you will be my disciples. **Refrain**
5. Those who love me are loved by my Father; we shall be with them and dwell in them. **Refrain**
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give is my gift. **Refrain**

## Sending Hymn:

### Sing to the Mountains

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**Refrain:**

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.*

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song. **Refrain**
2. Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. **Refrain**
3. This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
Death has lost and all is life.  
Sing of the glory of God. **Refrain**