

# XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps. 37 (36): 38, 40, 28

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.

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## Reading 1

Is. 55:6 – 9

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.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 143

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

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## Reading 2

Phil. 1:20c – 24, 27a

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.

## **Alleluia**

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

## **Gospel**

Mt. 20:1 – 16a

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.”

## **Offertory Antiphon**

Ps. 138 (137):7

If I walk amidst affliction, You will give me life, O Lord.  
You will stretch out Your hand against the anger of my foes;  
Your right hand has saved.

**Communion Antiphon**

Ps. 119 (118):4, 5

You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept;  
May my way be firm in keeping Your statutes.

**Prayer to Saint Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;  
be our defense 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, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.