

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

September 19 & 20, 2020

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering “He Is Exalted”

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and Earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted the King is exalted on high

Gloria

“Glory to God”

Reading from Isaiah 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 (145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18)

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him”

Reading from Philippians 1:20c - 24, 27a

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 and Acclamation (Acts 16: 14b)

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

Gospel Reading from Matthew 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."

Homily

Presentation of Gifts "**God , Whose Giving Knows No Ending**"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Memorial Acclamation

“We proclaim your death, O Lord...”

The Great Amen

Lamb of God

Communion **“Pan de Vida”**

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

We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak
We are the body of Christ called to be the compassion of God [refrain]

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. [refrain]

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. [refrain]

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Going Forth **“Seek Ye First”**

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find

Knock and it shall be opened unto you

Allelu Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia