



XXV SUNDAY

24th of September 2023 - Cycle A



Que la justicia y la paz fluyan

Tiempo de la Creación 2023

Un río caudaloso
— Amós 5: 24 —

CREATIVITY FOR ALWAYS



SETTING

Invited to be, to work in your vineyard Lord. Let us prepare our being to internalize your Word from a creative listening that concretizes it in every word and in every look of mine.

In the welcoming silence that puts you in the center that sustains and encourages our path, our life; Let us listen and let this experience sink in.

With you by our side, let us keep our eyes on you, on your plans, so that they meet ours and we become one. Let us open our minds and let everything come into line with that call of yours to work in your vineyard, with a peculiar style of caring for the land so that the best fruit sprouts, the good wine of life. May your plans be our plans, may your ways Lord be ours.

SONG. FORGIVE ME LORD – SURGENOR MUSIC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-1-oVxeu4>

GOSPEL – Mathew 20, 1 – 16

Indeed, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. Having agreed with the workers on one denarius a day, he sent them to his vineyard. He then went out around the third hour and seeing others who were standing in the square, he said to them: "You also go to my vineyard, and I will give you what is just." And they went. He went out again at the sixth hour and at the ninth hour and did the same. He still went out around the eleventh hour and, finding others who were there, he said to them: "Why are you standing here all day?" They told him: "No one has hired us." He said to them: "You also go to the vineyard." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager: "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last and ending with the first." So those of the eleventh hour came and received a denarius each. When the first came, they thought they would receive more, but they also received a denarius each. And when they received it, they murmured against the owner, saying: "These last ones have only worked for an hour, and you pay them like us, who have endured the weight of the day and the heat." But he answered one of them: "Friend, I am not doing you any injustice. Did you not settle with me for a denarius? Then take what is yours and go. For my part, I want to give to this last one the same as to you. Is it "I cannot do what I want? Or is your eye going to be bad because I'm good?" Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last.

To go deeper into the text (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Today, Isaiah tells us: "Seek the LORD because he allows himself to be found. Call upon him because he is near. We are always the ones who distance ourselves from God. And it is true that, in our freedom, we sometimes distance ourselves so far from Him that we lose the pleasure of seeking Him.

And you could not find anything better than Psalm 144/145 to this Sunday's first reading! The prophet Isaiah summarized, in a few verses, the entire faith of Israel: the discovery of a God full of mercy, rich in forgiveness and who calls his people saying "return to me." This psalm is the response of the people who return to God; "Every day I will bless you, I will praise your name forever." This is truly the song of faith found again.

Paul reinforces the idea: "For me, to live is Christ, and to die is an advantage." It could be translated as: "For me, to live fully is to live in Christ." If understood well, leading a life worthy of the Gospel is, simply, consecrating our lives to evangelization. This is what questions a certain number of our concerns!

Follow the Gospel of Matthew that will introduce us to the reality of the Kingdom of heaven; and we know well, because Isaiah has reminded us, that "the thoughts of God are not our thoughts..."

And of course, in this very particular vineyard, there are workers hired at all hours of the day...Apparently, there is no shortage of work. But the click of the parable is not there; as always, we must first look for what this text says about God. "I, I am good," says God; "Are you going to look with an evil eyes because I am good?" God is good, and of a goodness that knows no accounts. This means that His goodness surpasses everything, even the fact that we do not deserve it. Let us understand that it is necessary for us to abandon, once and for all, our accounting logic: in the Kingdom of heaven, there is no machine to calculate merits... Perhaps this is the conversion that is being asked of us. This logic of accountants is difficult for us to abandon: our efforts, our sacrifices, our sufferings, we would always want to count them to be sure. This gives us, we think, right over the Kingdom, over the love of God...And **Precisely; Jesus wants to get us out of this logic of merit: love does not do the math. Love is not bought, it is given:** The justice of God is to love, to love without distinction, all his children equally, that is to say: to love infinitely, without measure.

Tips for prayer

1. What does this gospel talks about?
2. Imagine the gratuitousness of God, what do you experience in yourself?
3. What does he invite you to? What call do you hear?

AMBIENTAL MUSIC



KENDRA SPRINGER - TRUE LOVE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_0avBpH5PA

"Lose You"- Sad & Emotional Piano Song Instrumental

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnqb8zqHqdY>

LOVE DOES NOT DO COUNTS

To each one,
Its moment.
To all the same
Call.
All loved by
the same God Love.
Called to build the
Kingdom.
At the moment,
In our world.
Where to generate
meeting synergies,
spaces of communion,
shared paths,
gestures of forgiveness,
dreams that generates life,
illusions that
They break monotonies,
words that soothe.
Dedicated lives
to the Lord's favorites,
the poor.

The call matters,
not the time.
Your answer matters,
firm and authentic.
Be available
in the vineyard of the Lord.
Day labourers
of different hours,
with the same payment.
a denarius,
of generous love,
open, universal,
supportive, welcoming.
Labourers in a vineyard,
Grateful for the
call.
Ready for the task,
take care of the vineyard,
the world, the person;
It is our mission.
Your plan and your path,
mine.

SONG. A FORTRESS IS MY LORD: Brian Suave

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmCOPPFg1OY>



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