

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A

4 October 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

"My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

"And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

"And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It sent out branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River. **R.**

Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it. **R.**

Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock of your right hand planted. **R.**

Then we shall never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything let your requests be made known to God
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned
and received and heard and seen in me,

and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

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

"Listen to another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it,
and built a watchtower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

"When the harvest time had come,
he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

But the tenants seized his slaves
and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first;
and they treated them in the same way.

"Finally he sent his son to them, saying,
'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to themselves, 'This is the heir;
come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

So they seized him,
threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"Now when the owner of the vineyard comes,
what will he do to those tenants?"

They said to him,

"He will put those wretches to a miserable death,
and lease the vineyard to other tenants
who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them,

"Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you,

the kingdom of God will be taken away from you

and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.