

7.26.26 Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Worship Notes

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.¹³¹ With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” 33 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!