

9.20.26 Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Worship Notes

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 145:1-8

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,

and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,

and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,

and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!