

RECESSIONAL

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Verses

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our  
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The  
3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears  
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, Your

D.C.

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
on the brow the seal of him who died.  
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.; tr. by Dimas Planas-Belfort, 1934–1992, and Angel Mattos, alt.  
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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTROIT

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord; from whatever tribulations they cry out to me, I will heed to them; and I will be their Lord forever.*

PROCESSIONAL

Seek Ye First

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| 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God<br>And his righteousness,<br>And all these things shall be added unto you;<br>Allelu, alleluia.     | 3. You do not live by bread alone,<br>But by every word<br>That comes forth from the mouth of God;<br>Allelu, alleluia.               |
| 2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you,<br>Seek and you shall find,<br>Knock and the door shall be opened unto you<br>Allelu, alleluia. | 4. Where two or three are gathered in my name<br>There am I in their midst;<br>And whatsoever you ask I will do;<br>Allelu, alleluia. |

FIRST READING

IS 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

PS 145

**R.** The Lord is near to all who call up - on him.

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SECOND READING

PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters: 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

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➤ *Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the word of your Son. R/*

**GOSPEL**

*MT 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.”

**OFFERTORY**

**Open My Eyes**

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.

O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. *(To verse 2)*  
 O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. *(To verse 3)*  
 O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. *(To bridge)*  
 I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

**Bridge**

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,

and we'll hear like nev - er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,

and we'll see God's face in plac - es we've nev - er known.

**D.C.**

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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord, alleluia;  
 I know my sheep, and mine know me, alleluia, alleluia.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**The Lord is My Shepherd**

The Lord is my shep - herd, noth - ing shall I want: he

leads me by safe paths, noth - ing shall I fear.

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