

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.

This is what Isaiah said to the people of God:

“My friend had a grape vineyard on a hillside.
And my friend planted the best vines
and took very good care of them
so that they would give good grapes.
But instead, the vines gave only wild, bitter grapes
that no one could eat.”

Then God said,

“Now tell me, is there anything else
I could have done for my vineyard?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it give me only wild and bitter grapes?”

“My people, you are like that vineyard.
You are the ones I love.
I do everything for you.
But when I look to you for justice and fairness,
I find only evil and killing.
When I look for goodness,
I find people crying because they are suffering.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 80*

“We are your vine; take care of us.
We are your vine; watch over us.”

Verses:

1. We have done wrong, but now we pray:
2. Save us, O God, for now we pray:

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

Plant your Word in our hearts. Let it bear fruit in us!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

One day Jesus told this story to the chief priests and the leaders of the people:

“Once there was a man who owned a grape vineyard. He built a wall around it to protect it, and he put a tower in the middle of it so he could watch over it.

Then he hired people to work there and went to live in another country. When it was time to pick the grapes, the owner sent his servants to collect his share from the workers. But the workers beat the servants and killed some of them.

Later, the owner sent more servants, and they, too, were beaten and killed. Finally he said,

‘I will send my son,
for surely those workers
will respect my own son.’

“But the workers said to each other,

‘This son will be the owner someday,
and he will have all this property.
Let’s kill him and take the property for ourselves.’

“So they took the son,
threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.”



Then Jesus said to the chief priests and leaders,

“Now what do you think the owner will do
when he comes back and finds out
what the workers have done?”

They answered,

“He will punish those wicked people
and give his vineyard to good people.”

Jesus said to them,

[“Remember what it says in the Psalms,
‘The stone which the builders did not want
has become the cornerstone.’]

“Now I tell you, the reign of heaven
will be taken away from you who do evil
and will be given to good people
who do what is right.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

[] Reader may omit text that appears in brackets.