

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**      CF. PSALM 119(118):49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

or

1 JOHN 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God:

that Christ laid down his life for us;

so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,

restore us in mind and body,

that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,

to whose suffering we are united

whenever we proclaim his Death.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# *Celebrating the Eucharist*

## LIVING LITURGY™

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL



*Have you ever met a flatterer, or people pleaser? One who says what you want to hear but has no intention of following through? Or one who over-promises and under-delivers? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable today about such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. There are many reasons why we might over-promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the gospels, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No'" (Matt 5:37). This is simply good advice from Jesus the teacher.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**      DANIEL 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.

But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**COLLECT**

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



**READING I**

L 136-A · EZEKIEL 18:25-28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

*By turning from wickedness, a wicked person shall preserve his life.*

Thus says the LORD:

You say, “The LORD’s way is not fair!”

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity,  
and dies,

it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,

and does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed,  
he shall surely live, he shall not die.The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**℟. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths,  
guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **℟.**Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;  
in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **℟.**Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **℟.****READING II**

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

*or shorter form* [PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

*Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.*

[Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love,  
any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy,  
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,

united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;

rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus,]

Who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness;

and found human in appearance, he humbled himself,

becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him

the name which is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

JOHN 10:27

**℟. Alleluia, alleluia.****℣.** My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;I know them, and they follow me. **℟.****GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 21:28-32

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.***He changed his mind and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of heaven before you.*

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

“What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’

He said in reply, ‘I will not,’

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go.