

eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

The Gospel of Christ  
*R/ Praise be to thee, O Christ*

THE WORD OF THE LORD : TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS  
*At the Solemn Eucharist at Eleven o'clock*

**SEPTUAGESIMA**

**Introit** : Psalm 18.1-7, ant v.1; *Tone I,1*



- 1 I love thee, O Lord, **my** strength :  
 The Lord is my stony rock, my defence, **and** my Sā-viour;
- 2 My God, and my might, in whom I **will** trust :  
 my shield, the horn also of my salvation, **and** my rē-fuge.
- 3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be **prais**-ed :  
 so shall I be saved **from** mine ěn\_-e-mies.
- 4 The waves of death compass-**ed** me :  
 and the floods of ungodliness **made** me ä-fraid.
- 5 The cords of hell came a-**bout** me :  
 the snares of death **o**-ver-tōok me.
- 6 In my trouble I called upon **the** Lord :  
 and complained **un**-to mÿ God.
- 7 So he heard my voice out of his holy **tem**-ple :  
 and my complaint before him entered **in**-to his ears.

Glory be to the father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Ho ly Ghost :  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, world with-**out**  
 end. Ä-men.

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**First Lesson:** Genesis 1-5

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day

The word of the Lord  
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PSALM: 9.9-20: Tone VI



- 9 The Lord also will be a defence for the op-**press**-ed :  
even a refuge in the **time** öf trou-ble.
- 10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust **in** thee :  
for thou, Lord, hast never failed **them** thät seek thee.
- 11 O praise the Lord who dwelleth in **Si**-on :  
show the people **of** his doings.
- 12 For he that avengeth blood remember-**eth** them :  
and forgetteth not the com-**plaint** öf the poor.
- 13 Have mercy upon me, O Lórd; consider the trouble  
which I suffer of them that **hate** me :  
thou that liftest me up **from** thë gates of\_ death;
- 14 That I may show all thy praises within the gates of the daughter of  
**Si**-on : I will rejoice in **thy** säl-va-tion.
- 15 The nations are sunk down in the pit that **they** made :  
in the same net that they hid is **their** föot ta-ken.
- 16 The Lord hath made himself knöwn; he hath executed  
**judge**-ment :  
the ungodly is trapped in the work **of** his own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be turned in-**to** hell :  
and all the nations **that** för-get God.
- 18 For the poor shall not alway be for-**got**-ten :  
the patient abiding of the meek shall not per-**ish** för ev-er.
- 19 Up, Lord, and let not man have the up-**per** hand :  
let the nations be **judg**-öd in thy\_ sight.
- 20 Put them in fear, **O** Lord :  
that the nations may know them-**selves** tö be but men.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9.24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

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The Gradual : Psalm 119 Part 4; Tone I, 1



- 25 MY soul cleaveth to **the** dust :  
O quicken thou me, accord-**ing** to thy word.
- 26 I have acknowledgéd my ways, and thou heard-**est** me :  
O teach **me** thy stä-tutes.
- 27 Make me to understand the way of thy **pre**-cepts :  
and so shall I meditate up-**on** thy wön-drous\_ works.
- 28 My soul melteth away for very hea-**vi**-ness :  
comfort thou me according **un**-to thÿ word.
- 29 Take from me the way of **ly**-ing : and graciously **grant** me thÿ law.
- 30 I have chosen the way **of** truth :  
and thy judgements have **I laid** be-före me.
- 31 I cleave unto thy tes-ti-**mo**-nies : O **Lord**, con-föund me\_ not.
- 32 I will run the way of thy com-**mand**-ments :  
when thou hast set my **heart** at li-berty.

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

*R/ Glory be to thee, O Lord*

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the