



Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:25-28

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, he 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-11

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.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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. 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."

Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

1

READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

Matthew 21:33-43

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

"Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,

'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'

They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

2

REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

3

RESOLUTION

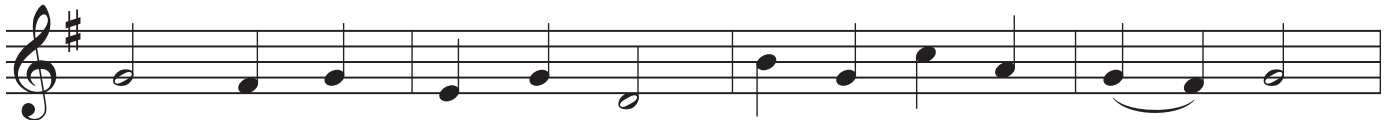
Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

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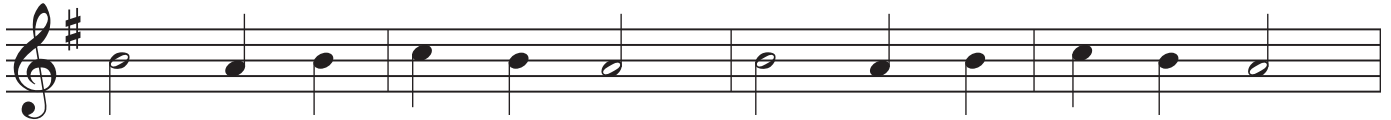
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1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing:
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain:



1. Loud praise to Christ our King:
2. Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Life shall not end the strain:



1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore the throne re - joice;
2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at - tend;
3. On heav-en's joy - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,



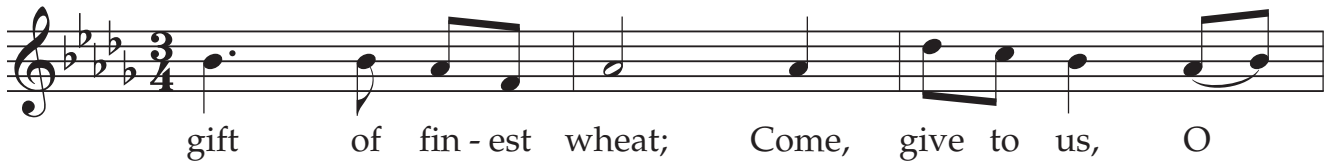
1. Praise is his gra-cious choice:
2. His love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more:

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You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come, give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------|
| 2. With joy - ful lips | we sing to you | Our |
| 3. Is not the cup | we bless and share | The |
| 4. The mys - t'ry of your | pres - ence, Lord, | No |
| 5. You give your - self | to us, O Lord; | Then |



1. know and heed his voice, So when you call your

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2. praise and grat - i - tude, | That you should count us |
| 3. blood of Christ out - poured? | Do not one cup, one |
| 4. mor - tal tongue can tell: | Whom all the world can - |
| 5. self - less let us be, | To serve each oth - er |



1. fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. wor - thy, Lord, | To share this heav'n - ly food. |
| 3. loaf, de - clare | Our one - ness in the Lord? |
| 4. not con - tain | Comes in our hearts to dwell. |
| 5. in your name | In truth and char - i - ty. |

D.C.

534 God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

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1. God is Love, let heav'n a - dore him; God is
2. God is Love; his love en - fold - eth, All the
3. God is Love; and though with blind-ness Sin af -



1. Love, let earth re - joice; Let cre - a - tion
2. world in one em - brace: With un - fail - ing
3. flicts all hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal



1. sing be - fore him And ex - alt him with one voice.
2. grasp he hold - eth, Ev - 'ry child of ev - 'ry race.
3. lov - ing kind - ness Guides us through our earth - ly strife.



1. God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who
2. And when hu - man hearts are break - ing Un - der
3. Sin and death and hell shall nev - er O'er us



1. spread the heav'ns a - bove, God who breathes through
2. sor - row's i - ron rod, Then we find that
3. fin - al tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



1. all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
2. self - same ach - ing Deep with - in the heart of God.
3. Love for ev - er O'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Jesus, Son of God

You came down from heavens throne
This earth You formed was not Your home
A love like this the world had never known

A crown of thorns to mock Your Name
Forgiveness fell upon Your face
A love like this the world had never known

**On the altar of our praise
Let there be no higher name
Jesus son of God
You laid down Your perfect life
You are the sacrifice
Jesus Son of God
You are Jesus Son of God**

You took our sin, You bore our shame
You rose to life, You defeated the grave
A love like this the world has never known
(Repeat verse)

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Jesus I Come

Oh how I need Your grace
More than my words can say
Jesus I come, Jesus I come

In all my weaknesses
You are my confidence
Jesus I come, Jesus I come

**I will rise stand redeemed
Heaven open over me
To Your name eternally
Endless glory I will bring**

Oh what amazing love
We need Your cleansing flood
Jesus I come, Jesus I come

In every broken place
You are my righteousness
Jesus I come, Jesus I come

*Thank You Jesus
Just as I am I come
Hallelujah
Oh what amazing love*

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Join the men of St. Catharine every Thursday for a hot breakfast, coffee, and a short talk on what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Get up a little earlier, and make the sacrifice for yourself, your family, and for your community. Thursday will soon become your favorite day of the week. Open to all men high school age and older.

High School Youth Group

Every Sunday // 6pm-8pm • Begins October 4th

Our new Damascus Youth Ministry Team is kicking off the semester with **free tacos** in the Parish Center.

High School Youth Group will be every Sunday from October 4th – December 6th in the Parish Center

Open to all high school students!

Questions? Contact Dorothy Allwein, dorothy@damascus.net



Middle School Youth Group

2nd & 4th Sundays // 6pm-8pm • Begins October 11th

Middle School Youth Group will kick off with pizza, games, prizes, prayer and more!

Open to all students in 6th-8th grades. First Semester Dates: October 11, October 25th, November 15th, November 29th. Questions? Contact Dorothy Allwein, dorothy@damascus.net

Calendar and Events

TUES	09/29	THURS	10/01
6:30pm	Confession	6:30am	Men's Breakfast
		7:00pm	ADORE Night
WEDS	09/30	SAT	10/03
7:30am	Men's Rosary	2:30pm	Marolt/Thomas Wedding
7:00pm	Eyewitness Bible Study		

Save the Date

Oct 14	Confirmation Rehearsal (9th grade)
Oct 17	Confirmation (9th grade)

Adoration Chapel

Open Sunday-Friday from 6:00am-9:00pm for quiet prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to make a visit any time. Do not underestimate the peace that will come from being with Jesus.

Confession

Tuesday	6:30pm
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)

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