

8 October 1972

27th Sunday of Year  
(20th after Pent.)Catholic Centre  
Broadcast

Good morning, and welcome, from the chapel at the Catholic Centre. In a moment or two, Fr Harold Naylor, the priest who's the celebrant of this morning's Mass and will be giving the scriptural homily, will be entering the sanctuary of the chapel to begin the Mass. As you listen to your radio, we'd like to invite you to join in spirit with the people here in their offering of prayer and worship to God on this Sunday morning; and if you are ill or cannot personally join <sup>today</sup> with your fellow-Christians in their community celebration of our Risen Lord and the life He gives us, then we hope this broadcast of Mass will be a consolation and encouragement for you. Today is the 20th Sun. since Pentecost, and the scripture texts chosen for this Sunday in the year are from the continuation of St Matthew's gospel (in ch.21, the parable of the vineyard); from St Paul's letter to the Christians at Philippi, and from the O.T. book of the prophet Isaiah, a passage chosen for its parallel with our Lord's 'vineyard'-parable. The readings of scripture occur in the first part of the Mass; and before we listen to them, there's a short preparation and introduction, of repentance, prayer and praise of God -- this begins now with the singing of an Entry Song as the priest and his assistants come to the altar.

## CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The formal Prayer for this morning's Assembly. Priest and people now sit down to listen to the first, O.T., scripture reading: and this is followed by a related meditation psalm, Ps 80.

**CREED:** After listening to the Word of God in the scriptures, and in the homily given by Fr Harold Naylor, the Creed is now recited, a profession of faith in God and His revelation of Himself.

**OFFERT.:** The Prayers of general intercession, a response to God's message and invitation to us, round off the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. Now, at the altar, the priest begins the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist; this is the preparatory rite of the Offertory, as he takes and prepares the bread and wine for the action and prayer of the Eucharist.

## CHOIR

**PREFACE:** The formal Prayer over the Gifts concludes the Offertory rite. Now begins the central prayer and action of the Eucharist, with first an invitation to participate and then the special Sunday preface.

**PER IPSUM:** That prayer and offering to God our Father ends the Prayer of the Eucharist; now the preparation begins for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, with everyone reciting together the prayer to our Father taught us by Christ, the Lord's Prayer.

**COMMUNION:** This is now the time for Holy Communion. At the altar, the priest first takes the sacred Body of Christ in this sacrament of the Eucharist. After a moment or two for personal, private prayer and reflection, he'll go to give Holy Communion to the people here; they are now filing up to the altar-rail to receive Christ in this sacrament. While they go and then return to their places in the chapel for some minutes of private prayer and thanksgiving, there's an occasion for you to join with them in spirit in your own prayer, while the Communion time hymn is sung.

## CHOIR

As the people here continue to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, and it will take a few more minutes before the priest recites the final Thanksgiving Prayer and gives the Blessing, there's time for a little reflection on this Eucharist and on the Word of God we listened to earlier. The Bible often uses the imagery of a vine and a vineyard as a picture of the People of God -- and our Lord also used the same familiar images to carry His message about the Kingdom of God and its people. Both of the readings of scripture we heard during this Mass today about the Lord's vineyard have a clear reference to Christ Himself -- to His mission to form a new people of God, and to the history of how He would bring that about: 'the stone which the builders rejected'. In Christ the vine planted by God did produce fruit -- through His suffering and dying. The wine which is a symbol of life and fruitfulness has become, in and through Christ, a symbol of His new risen life and the fruitfulness of the Spirit. In celebrating the Eucharist, we celebrate the Passion of Christ, His giving of Himself totally for mankind and to us, and His rising to a new life and fruitfulness of the Spirit which He shares with us. The making of a new people, of a new covenant between God and man, which we celebrate in the Eucharist, is made in the blood of Christ shed for us. And Christ Himself at that Last Supper which our Eucharist recalls and relives, used wine as the symbol and sign of that new covenant; not only that, but He made it His own Body and Blood joining a new people together with Him and through Himself with God His Father. The fruitfulness of our sharing His Body and Blood,

His life, is in the love and unity we share between us and with Him, in the 'justice and righteousness' God looks for in the vineyard of His planting. Of course, the kingdom of God among men has not yet reached its full fruitfulness; the Church which celebrates the Eucharist and is formed by the Eucharist still has to be fully transformed by the risen life of Christ throughout its history; and each of us individually has to grow and develop and produce in ourselves the love of Christ which He gives to us, especially in the Eucharist.. But Christ is at work in our world and in each of us to bring about the fruitfulness He wants from us and has made it possible for us to produce -- it's our own free attitudes and response to His love that counts. If we don't see the love and unity and justice which the Eucharist gives us a sharing in, don't let's blame or criticise others but ourselves for our unfruitfulness --- for we are all the Church, the Lord's vineyard which He has done everything for, given everything for, and each of us really helps or hinders the others in as much as the life of Christ lives within us or does not.

#### PRAYER (P.Y.C)

The priest has now finished giving Holy Communion, and in a moment will recite the final Thanksgiving Prayer and give the Blessing.

**End:** The Blessing and Dismissal bring the Mass to an end. And as the people begin to leave the chapel here, we end this broadcast of Mass for today, which has come to you direct from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Centre

Bless those who no longer come to mass; give them your grace and unite them with us again to your praise and worship. Lord, hear us.

Give us repentance when we sin; and help us to be sorry that in us you could not see the church which loves you. Lord, hear us.

**PRIEST :** Father, thank you for cherishing us and for your constant patience with us. Grant that we may live in Christ and let men see him in what we do and say. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL :** Amen. (Sit)

#### Prayer over the Gifts

**P.** Father, receive these gifts which our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to offer in his memory. May our obedient service bring us to the fullness of your redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **ALL :** Amen.

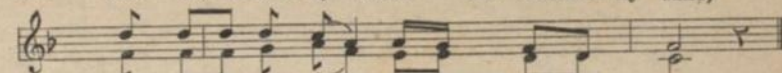
#### Communion Song

**READER :** Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him.

**ALL SING :**



Ant. Come and eat of my bread and drink of my wine;



Come to the feast I prepared for you.



1. They have come from the east-ern and west-ern lands, Gath-ered
2. Bread of heav'n is the food that is of-fered here, Bread soon
3. Liv-ing bread that the Fa-ther has giv'n to us, Food for
4. Cup of wine poured to cheer ev'ry troubled heart, Free us



1. a- round your ta-ble At the feast of the king- dom.
2. to be your Bod-y, Which is cause for e-ter- nal life.
3. our Pas- chal feasting, Sign of Prom- ise re- newed once more.
4. from ev- 'ry sad-ness, Blood of Christ, our re- deem- ing wine.

#### Prayer after Communion

**P.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, let the eucharist we share fill us with your life. May the love of Christ which we celebrate here touch our lives and lead us to you. Through Christ our Lord. **ALL :** Amen.

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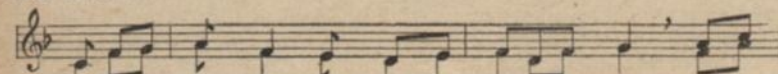
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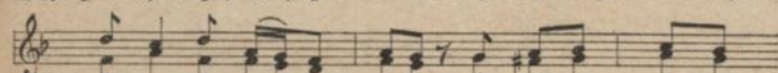
#### Entry Song

**READER :** All things depend on your will, O Lord, and there is no one who can resist your will. For you have made all things, heaven and earth, and all things that are under the canopy of heaven. You are Lord of all.

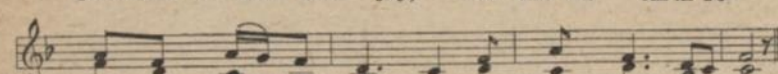
**ALL SING :**



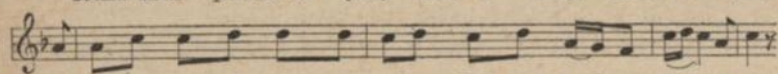
Ant. Up-on my lips, Lord, put words of glo-ry and praise! For your



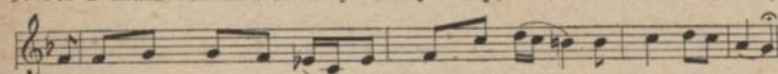
splen-dour I shout with joy; let all the earth re-



sound with praise to you, when I sing, Lord, to you!



1. In you, O Lord, I take my refuge; let your goodness shelter me;
2. O Lord, you are my hope and my sal-va-tion, help me in my need;
3. For I shall render thanks up-on my harp, O God of Is-ra-el;



1. De-liv-er me, O hear my prayer and save me, Lord, my God!
2. My lips shall sing forev-er: glo-ry, praise to you, O Lord.
3. To you I shall not cease to pray; to you I sing, O Lord.

#### Opening Prayer

**P.** Let us pray.

Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace, and lead us in the way of salvation. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**ALL :** Amen.

#### First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (5, 1-7)

(Theme: The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the house of Israel)  
Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My be-

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loved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry! — This is the Word of the Lord. ALL : Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 80)

LEADER : Thou didst bring a vine out of Egypt; thou didst drive out the nations and plant it. It sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

ALL : The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

LEADER : Why then hast thou broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

ALL : The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

LEADER : Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock which thy right hand planted.

ALL : The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

LEADER : Then we will never turn back from thee; give us life, and we will call on thy name! Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

ALL : The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

#### Second Reading

##### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (4, 6-9)

(Theme: The God of peace be with you)

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. — This is the Word of the Lord. ALL : Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia (All stand)

READER (Alleluia, Alleluia)

ALL : (Repeat the refrain)

READER : Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

ALL : (Repeat the refrain)

#### Gospel

##### A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (21, 33-43)

(Theme: He leased his vineyard to other farmers)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. "Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. "When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." — This is the gospel of the Lord. ALL : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### General Intercessions

PRIEST : My dear friends, God wants us to turn to him at all times, so now we ask him for our needs and we thank him too.

READER : Give holiness to your Church that it may love you as Christ's body and with all his members. Lord, hear us.

ALL SING :



Lord of glo-ry, hear our prayer.

Give your blessing to all transport workers who bring distant places near, by roads, air-lines and sea ways; and grant that people may come closer to each other in spirit and in truth. Lord, hear us.