

# October 8, 2017

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Lectionary: 139

#### Reading 1 [Is 5:1-7](#)

Let me now sing of my friend,  
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside;  
he spaded it, cleared it of stones,  
and planted the choicest vines;  
within it he built a watchtower,  
and hewed out a wine press.  
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,  
but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of  
Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard:  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I had not done?  
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,  
did it bring forth wild grapes?  
Now, I will let you know  
what I mean to do with my vineyard:  
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,  
break through its wall, let it be trampled!  
Yes, I will make it a ruin:  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
but overgrown with thorns and briars;  
I will command the clouds  
not to send rain upon it.  
The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the  
house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his cherished  
plant;  
he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!  
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20](#)

R. (Is 5:7a) **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

A vine from Egypt you transplanted;  
you drove away the nations and planted it.  
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.

R. **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Why have you broken down its walls,  
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,  
The boar from the forest lays it waste,  
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made  
strong.

R. **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your  
name.

O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;  
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be  
saved.

R. **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

#### Reading 2 [Phil 4:6-9](#)

Brothers and sisters:  
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.  
Then the peace of God that surpasses all  
understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ  
Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,

if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.  
Keep on doing what you have learned and  
received  
and heard and seen in me.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Alleluia** [Cf. Jn 15:16](#)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen you from the world, says the  
Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** [Mt 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."