

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Today' is the last Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King, which ends the liturgical cycle. The opening prayer echoes the intent of today's parable when it asks that God keep us faithful in serving him. We are reminded that such service is tantamount to perfect joy. The same theme is resounded in the Alternative Opening prayer. Again, we ask that God fill us with God's truth so that our hearts might be filled with the fullness of truth needed to carry out the life of service to which we are called. The Entrance Antiphon reminds us that God's plans for us do not bring disaster, but peace. We are to cast aside all fear when reflecting upon such things as the Lord's return and the end of the age. If we live each day as if it were our last, if we boldly serve the Lord each day, we have nothing to fear.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

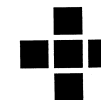
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 25:14-30

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Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one – to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." "After a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel Glossary

A **talent** was a certain amount of money. Two people **settle accounts** when one person owes money to another and they decide together how to erase the debt, sometimes by agreeing on a smaller payment. To **gather and scatter** are terms from farming, when a farmer scatters seeds and then later gathers

the crops. Here it means that the master makes a profit even when he doesn't work hard. **Interest** is a small fee earned by loaning money to someone. **Wailing** is loud crying.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: Name 3 special talents that you have. How can you use these talents next week to make someone's life better?

Teen: If Jesus asks you how you have used your gifts, what would you say?

Adult: Using Jesus' parable, describe how you are using your own gifts to enrich God's reign.

Family: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have

Closing Prayer

Creator of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving you, for to serve you is our lasting joy. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Thirty-Third Sunday in