

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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## Catechizing Corner!

Matthew produces his evidence, pleads his case, and primes the jury. The son who was killed outside the parameters of the vineyard by the tenants is all the evidence needed to prove his contentions. Judaism is infit and no-longer qualified to be the true Israel. Israels guilt is evident. Matthew then sets out to confirm that the Christian church is qualified because it will produce the necessary harvest. The owner of the vineyard will rent his vineyard to other nations who will produce good fruit.

Jesus makes sure that his listeners understand that the kingdom of God is the vineyard and the “true Israel” is the kingdom. Jesus avows that the “kingdom will be taken away from you” (the religious leaders, as well as anyone who rejects Jesus and John) and given to a nation that will produce the desire fruit.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,*

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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

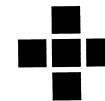
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## Call to Prayer

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 21:33-43

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

### Gospel Glossary

**To lease** means to rent.

**A tenant** is someone who rents a piece of land.

**Vintage time** is when the grapes are ready for harvest.

**To stone** is to kill someone by throwing stones at him.

**An inheritance** is a gift left for you by someone who has died.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord



## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Children:** What makes you feel peaceful inside?

**Teen:** How do you thank God for the talents you have? How do you give back to God through the use of your talent?

**Adult:** Are you counting on an inheritance from God? What would it look like?

**Family:** What do you think the kingdom of God looks like?

## Closing Prayer

Loving God, 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 ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary*