

# LIVING EUCHARIST INITIATIVE

## “Common Threads” Homily Helps & Intercessions

**October 5, 2008 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7 – *My friend had a vineyard*

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43 – *Wicked tenants in the vineyard*

- *LIVING EUCHARIST* “COMMON THREADS” – HOMILY

In today’s liturgy the best starting point for a reflection on the diocesan *LIVING EUCHARIST* initiative is the alleluia verse: “*I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.*”

We have been entrusted with the Lord’s vineyard and he expects that we will bring in a harvest of fine grapes. This takes considerable skill, so in the Liturgy of the Word the Lord teaches us what we need to do to produce the good fruits he seeks. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist we offer him bread and wine which represent the work we have done in his vineyard. He transforms our gift into his own body and blood which he gives to us as food to strengthen us for the coming week’s work. Then he sends us out into the world to do the works of justice and mercy that will bring in a harvest of souls for his kingdom.

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That our participation in the *Living Eucharist* initiative will help us to understand that the Lord is speaking to us in the Liturgy of the Word and moves us to apply what we hear to our daily lives. We pray to the Lord.

That our celebration of the Eucharist will strengthen us to give witness in the world so that those we meet will be drawn to the Lord and come to share in the Eucharist with us. We pray to the Lord.

That our work in the Lord’s vineyard may produce the fruits of justice and mercy that the Lord seeks from those he has nourished in the Eucharist. We pray to the Lord.

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**October 12, 2008 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10a – *Feast of rich food*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my shepherd*

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14 – *The wedding feast*

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Today the first reading, the responsorial psalm, and the gospel all offer good starting points for a reflection on the diocesan *LIVING EUCHARIST* initiative.

In the gospel passage, the King sends out his servants to invite those they find along the highways and byways to the wedding banquet of his son. When we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist we are responding to God’s invitation. Here we experience a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in which we will be joined to God and to each other in perfect unity. The Lord who set this table before us asks us to make every celebration of the Eucharist a true reflection of heaven on earth. One of the ways we do this is by building a warm, welcoming community where those called to the feast will experience God’s love in the reception we give them.

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That our Eucharistic assembly be a warm and welcoming place where those called to the banquet of life will feel God’s love in the reception that we celebrate. We pray to the Lord.

That our gratitude to the Lord, who has set his table before us, will lead us to invite others to share in the banquet of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

That our participation in the *Living Eucharist* initiative will help us to see the Mass as a banquet of love where we are progressively united to God and to each other. We pray to the Lord.

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**October 19, 2008 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 45:1-4 – *Cyrus as the Lord’s anointed*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 96 – *The new Song*

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21 – *The question of the tribute*

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In today’s liturgy the best starting point for a reflection on the diocesan *Living Eucharist* initiative is the responsorial psalm.

Liturgical singing unites people of many different backgrounds into one and helps us to “give to the Lord the glory due to his name.” The power of the word that we hear proclaimed in our Sunday assembly transforms our daily lives into a new song for the Lord. When we celebrate the Eucharist well we truly give to God what is God’s. We give him our minds and our hearts so that we may become the instruments by which his glory is proclaimed to all the nations.

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That the word of God which we hear in the liturgy may transform our lives into a fervent proclamation of God’s Glory. We pray to the Lord.

That our participation in the *Living Eucharist* initiative will give us new insight into the role of music in worship and help us to achieve unity of mind and heart by singing together. We pray to the Lord.

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**October 26, 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26 – *Justice for the alien, the widow and the orphan*

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40 – *The Greatest Commandment*

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In today’s liturgy the best starting place for a reflection of the diocesan *Living Eucharist* initiative is the gospel.

In the Liturgy of the Word Jesus teaches us to love God and our neighbor. Our Eucharistic assembly should reflect his teaching. A warm and welcoming assembly strengthens our love for one another and moves us to express our love for God in prayer and praise.

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That all who enter our church to celebrate the Eucharist with us may experience the kind of love and acceptance that will help them to feel the presence of God in our midst. We pray to the Lord.

That our participation in the *Living Eucharist* initiative will deepen our appreciation for the word of the Lord that we hear proclaimed at Mass and lead us to apply it to our own personal lives. We pray to the Lord.