

‘You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,

as I had pity on you?’

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers

until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,

unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, September 20

TWENTY-FIFTH IN ORDINARY TME - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,

and the wicked his thoughts;

let him turn to the LORD for mercy;

to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians
1:20c-24, 27a*

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life
or by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.

And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.

Yet that I remain in the flesh
is more necessary for your benefit.