⁴Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth."

⁷But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I *am* a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

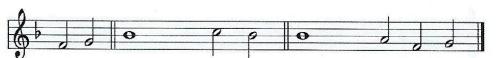
²⁴Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. ²⁶Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

¹Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

St. Matthew 20:1-16

1"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²"Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4"and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5"Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8"So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9"And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10"But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11"And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, ¹² "saying, 'These last *men* have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13"But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14' Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15' Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (VIOLET)



Introit.

Ant. THE SOR- || rows of death compassed | me | -:
the sorrows of hell compassed | me | a- | bout.

|| In my distress, I called upon the | LORD | -:
and He heard my voice out of | His | tem- | ple.

Psalm. || I will love Thee, O LORD my | Strength | -:
the Lord is my Rock and | my | For- | tress.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | -:
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world without | end. | A- | men. (Ant. Repeated.)

Collect.

O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5 Additional reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10 Gospel. Matthew 20:1-16

Gradual.

|| The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of | trou- | ble: and they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them | that | seek | Thee.

|| For the needy shall not alway be for- | got- | ten:

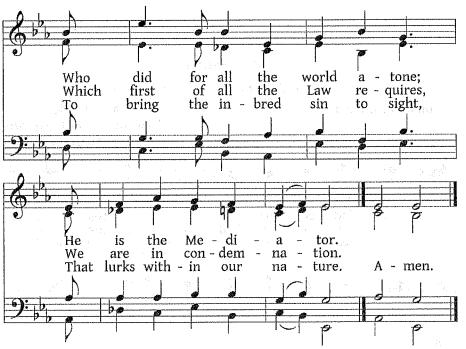
the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD; let not | man | pre- | vail.

Tract. | Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, | O | LORD: LORD, | hear | my | voice.

Septuagesima

16. Salvation unto Us Has Come





- 4. By our own strength to put aside God's wrath, and win His blessing Is useless task, by many tried, Is only guilt increasing. For God hypocrisy abhors: Flesh with the spirit ever wars. For 'tis by nature evil.
- 5. And yet, the Law fulfilled must be Or we were lost forever; Therefore God sent His Son that He Might us from death deliver: He all the Law for us fulfilled, And thus His Father's anger stilled Which over us impended.
- 6. Since Christ hath full atonement made 9. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Thy death my life now is indeed, For Thou hast paid my ransom.

- 7. Not doubting this, I trust in Thee, Thy Word cannot be broken; Thou all dost call, "Come unto mel" No falsehood hast Thou spoken. "He that believes and is baptized, He shall be saved," say'st Thou, O Christ, "And he shall never perish."
- 8. He's just 'fore God, and he alone, Who by this faith is living; This faith will by good works be known, To God the glory giving: Faith gives thee peace with God above, But thou thy neighbor too wilt love, If thou art a new creature.
- And makes man conscience-stricken; The Gospel then doth enter in The sinful soul to quicken. Come to the Cross, trust Christ and live; The Law to you no peace can give With all its good endeavors.

10. From faith in Christ, whene'er 'tis right, Good works are surely flowing; The faith is dead that shuns the light, No good works ever showing. By faith alone the just shall live, Good works alone the proof can give Of love, which true faith worketh.