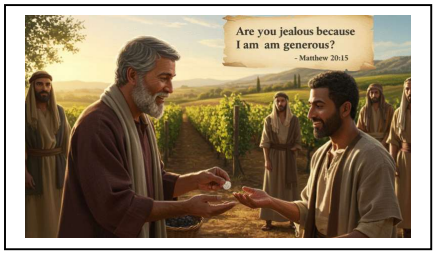
Scripture Readings – Sept. 20, 2026 – Little Current UCPC

Matthew 20:1-16 - New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Laborers in the Vineyard

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire
laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent
them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the
marketplace, 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is
right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the
same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to
them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.'
He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard
said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then
going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also
received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,
12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have
borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I
am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you
and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.
15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to
me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'
16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Psalm 145: 1-8 VU 866

Refrain: We praise you, O God: we bless your holy name.

Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever.
O God, you are great and highly to be praised; your greatness is beyond all measure.
One generation shall praise your works to another, and declare your marvellous deeds.
I will speak of our splendour and glory, and all your wonderful works. *Refrain.*

You, God, are righteous in all your ways, and loving in all your deeds.
You are near to all who call to you, to all who call on you in truth.
You fulfil the desire of those who revere you; you hear their cry and you save them.
You watch over all who love you, but the wicked you will destroy.
My mouth will speak your praise, O God.
Let every creature bless your holy name forever. *Refrain.*

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.
And may they awaken in our hearts