



Image: Day labourers in Doha, Qatar waiting for work

GATHERING MUSIC: Ya Rayah (Ahmed Alshaiba, Farah Fersi, Mohamed Aly)

This song is a ballad of the traveller, the exile longing to come back, the immigrant, the "wanderin' star", etc., hence its universal appeal. (Wikipedia)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

For, to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. (Philippians 1:21)

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 145
(responses in bold-face italics)

We will extol you, O Lord our God and king,
and bless your name for ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
God's greatness is unsearchable.

We celebrate your mighty deeds,
and proclaim your abundant goodness.

For you, O Lord, are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Let us worship God,
let us praise God in heart, soul, mind and strength.

HYMN: *God is good, we sing and shout it* (Church Hymnary 178)

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S PEACE:

GOSPEL READING: St. Matthew 20:1-16 (Good News New Testament, page 29)
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTION: Campaign for a fair wage

HYMN: *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (Church Hymnary 187)
Sung to the tune In Babilone (Hymn 604)

1. *There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.*
2. *For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Please pray in your preferred language / version.)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING AND BLESSING (ending with these words spoken together:)

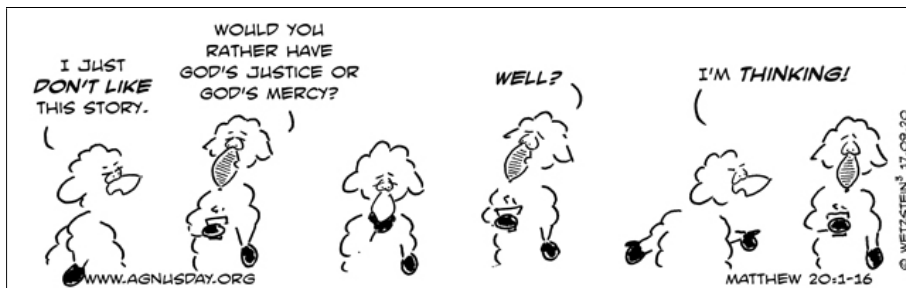
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC *Thuma mina* = "Send me" (University of Cape Town Choir)

NOTICES

- **Zoom Worship** is held live every Sunday at our regular worship time of 12.30 p.m. So that numbers can increase, please share the Zoom access link with friends. Worship bulletins are posted weekly on our website <http://ecc-bochum.de/> from where you can always download a copy in PDF file format a few days in advance.
- For data protection reasons, **no audio or video recordings of our Zoom worship services are permitted**. Please comply to respect each other's privacy. Thanks!
- The **Bible Sharing series** on *Parables in Matthew's Gospel* ends this week. For the final **'garden group'** this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Alsenstraße, contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321. For the last **'online group'** this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., contact Pastor Jimmy on 0234 13365, who will send you a link to join.
- The focus of the **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is on Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru. You are encouraged to hold these countries and their peoples in your prayers throughout the coming week. Link to more details from our website, or visit: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle/bolivia-brazil-chile-peru>
- Links to many other **online worship resources** provided by various churches have been posted on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- The **Pauluskirche** is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for individual and private prayer. Standard hygiene precautions apply in church.
- Our **weekly offerings** during worship, always our congregation's main source of income, have been dramatically affected by the corona crisis. If you are able, you are invited to donate by bank transfer in order that the ECC may continue to cover ongoing costs. Bank account details are as shown here. *Thank you.*

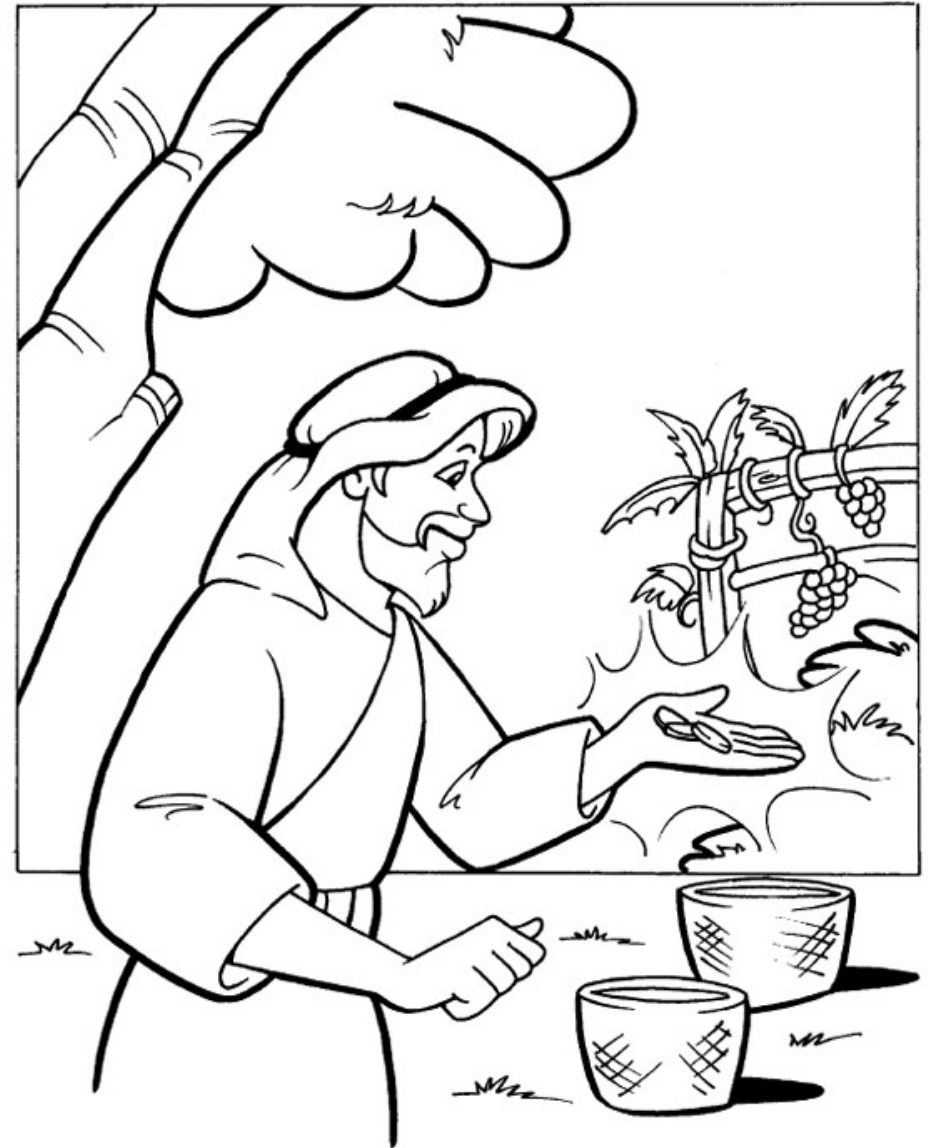
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PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (MATTHEW 20:1-16)



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