

## Personal Notes

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“Life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21) means Christianity has practical application in all endeavors. For the Faithful, this means engagement in the prayer-life of the Church and consequent meaning for whatever else the Faithful do. The tricky part is not the pay-pray-and-obey emanating from accepting the social strictures in which the Faithful find themselves, but in experimenting with how to change those strictures, when they seem less than holy. With highly educated Catholics, this charge has powerful social ramifications, seen particularly in national and international politics. The same is also true for the uneducated, though the uneducated may be oblivious to available options. In the United States everyone gets to vote and those votes matter, as the contrast between the Obama and Trump administrations demonstrate.

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Material above the solid line draws from material below the solid line. Those uninterested in scholarly and tangential details should stop reading here. If they do, however, they may miss some interesting material.

## **Readings**

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:6-9
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)
Second Reading:	Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Alleluia:	cf. Acts 16:14b
Gospel:	Matthew 20:1-16 (The 16a in the Lectionary looks like more sloppy scholarship)

## **Annotated Bibliography**

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Isa 55:6-7

Michael A. Lyons, “Psalm 22 and the ‘Servants’ of Isaiah 54; 56—66”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77, No. 4 (October 2015) 648.

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**Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)**

This Psalm is also used on page 741 of the Lectionary for readings 112A, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where verses 2-3 are not used, **8-9**, and **17-18** are used, separated by verses 15-16.

Psalm 145:8

Gili Kugler, "The Threat of Annihilation of Israel in the Desert: An independent Tradition within Two Stories"<sup>2</sup>

Psalm 145:18

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**Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

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Philippians 1:21

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Philippians 1:21-26

Toan Do, review of Hans Dieter Betz, Studies in Paul's Letter to the Philippians<sup>3</sup>  
Do reports,

Paul faces a dilemma between “life and death.” Here Paul begins with “a statement of principle” (22) in v. 21. “(A)ccording to Philippians,” therefore, “the expression to ζην Χριστος (‘Living ((is))Christ’) in fact encompasses theology, christology, ethics and eschatology in their entirety” (45). To live out the realities of this expression in turn demands personal involvements in one’s daily life as συζην Χριστω, namely “living with Christ.”

Material above the solid line draws from this review.

Philippians 1:23

Thomas D. Stegman, S.J., review of Peter Orr, Christ Absent and Present: A Study in Pauline Christology<sup>4</sup>

Philippians 1:23

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<sup>4</sup> Theological Studies, Vol. 76, No. 2 (June 2015) 350.

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Philippians 1:23

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Philippians 1:23

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament<sup>5</sup>

**cf. Acts 16:14b**

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**Matthew 20:1-16**

Matthew 20:1-16, 20

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Matthew 20:16

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Matthew 20:16

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For more on sources see the Appendix file. A complete set of Personal Notes, dating from the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2002 to the present, is on the web site at [www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes](http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes).

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In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the Gloria, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.”<sup>6</sup> The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is [The Lord is near to all who call upon him](#) (Psalm 145:18a).<sup>7</sup> Between November 25, 2011 and November 25, 2012, Personal Notes systematically examined the illiterate 2011 Missal. For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 1610 Missal: Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 121125.pdf/htm at <http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes/Personal%20Notes.htm>.

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<sup>6</sup> n.a., The Roman Missal: Renewed by Decree of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI and Revised at the Direction of Pope John Paul II: English Translation According to the Third Typical Edition: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See (Washington, DC, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011) 485. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

<sup>7</sup> National Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Roman Missal Restored by Decree of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican and Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI: Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Second Typical Edition: Volume I: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1988) 840. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

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This is a call for grace that some Black Baptists bring to mind with [A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh](#) (Ezekiel 36:26).<sup>8</sup>

Addenda

Due to greater responsiveness at the National Catholic Reporter blog, beginning with the Fourth Sunday in Lent, Reading 032B, March 15, 2015, my interest began shifting from annotating my index here, to engaging conversation there. I may keep up the Bibliography, but without further comment. Time will tell. Beginning with the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017, my interest began shifting back toward annotating the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

On Wednesday, December 28, 2016, I discovered that my web site, [www.western-civilization.com](http://www.western-civilization.com) was receiving 1000 hits per day, from the United States, most of which were for these readings. That complicates my priorities, priorities that require balancing between developing these Personal Notes, engaging writing on the National Catholic Reporter at <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today>, developing a Cleveland Organizing Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), attending to my archival resources at the Western Reserve Historical Society, and preparing my 1972 dissertation, "Cleveland and the Negro following World War II" for publication at least on the web. I am the founding president of the Hampton Roads Branch of ASALH, from which the movie "Hidden Figures" arose, meaning that these priorities have potential consequences of note.

Raymond Arroyo, "The World Over," on EWTN uses fear-mongering, rather than the Joy of the Gospel to entrance its viewers. In the past, Arroyo has responded to my concerns, particularly the Reverend Robert A. Sirico, who rarely appears anymore, with his drivel. Beginning, May 3, 2015, I intend to begin pointing out, here, the role fear, rather than joy, has in "The World Over." Arroyo would do better to get his "Papal Posse" off the air as well. The bias against Catholic Democratic legislators is unbecoming.

By July 31, I had identified a pattern of attack on Pope Francis by Arroyo. The attack is on what the Pope is preaching about climate change and capitalism. In the United States Republicans have firm opposition to such sermonizing, as the forthcoming

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<sup>8</sup> UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary: Precepts for Living @: 2017-2018: International Sunday School Lessons: Volume 20: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), Adonijah Okechuku Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., (ed.) (Chicago, IL 60643: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), 2017) 47-48.

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Trump administration will show . . . or not. On June 4 Trump pulled out of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

As, on June 23, 2015, I prepared Reading 110B for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time for July 26, I decided to begin reading unread book reviews and articles from Theological Studies for two reasons. The first is I have already read every article cited in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. The second is that traditionally Theological Studies articles have been more helpful to my prayer life. I also began reading unread book reviews in the Biblical Quarterly. Beginning with the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017, I realized the Reformation Commentary on Scripture was doing little for my prayer-life and I began to drift away from the time-consuming details I had been recording.

As of August 4, 2017, Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament IXa: 1 Corinthians, Edited by Scott M. Manetsch, General Editor Timothy George, Associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 20167, ISBN 978 0 8308-2972 9 (hardcover : alk. paper), P 1, Y 17) was indexed. My intention is to read and annotate unread sections until the book is entirely read.