

Exodus 16:2-15
Matthew 20:1-16

God's grace can often seem to be in stark contrast with the ways of the world.
Grace isn't always fair.

In Matthew's Gospel reading for this week we have a prime example of just how freely and generously divine grace works.

As Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, the Kingdom of God is as gracious and generous as the landowner.

How do you think it felt for the workers who had laboured all day to get paid the same as those who merely worked one hour?

How would you feel if you worked a full day and the person next to you who did the same job worked only an hour and then you both got paid the same amount?

God's grace can come to us early in the day (early in life) or later on in the day (later on in life).

Whether grace comes late or early the final outcome is the same ... we are blessed by it.

We can all too easily become disturbed when grace doesn't come or function as we expect it to.

We have so much to be thankful for at Thanksgiving and indeed everyday.

Think of all the things you are thankful for and then offer them up to God in prayer.

Prepare your heart to worship God with a thankful heart this Sunday as we celebrate Communion together.