



Attitude of Service

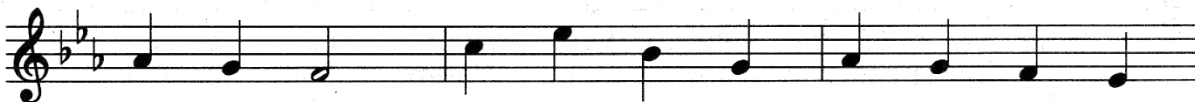
Call to Prayer: "...trust in Our Lord, who will be our help in the work we have begun and in the undertaking to which He has called us."
(Coste XII: 388)

ALL: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: "The Servant Song" Richard Gillard verses 1, 2, 4



1, 6. Will you let me be your ser- vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil- grims on a jour- ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ- light for you In the night- time
4. I will weep when you are weep- ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav- en We shall find such



1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



1, 6. Let you be my ser - vant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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Antiphon: ALL: "The Company strives to serve persons who are poor, the well-beloved of God."

(Coste XI: 349)

- I. Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous; it does not put on airs; it is not snobbish.
- II. Love is never rude; it is not self-seeking; it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries.
- I. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth.
- II. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.



ALL: Love never fails. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (1 Cor. 12: 4-8)

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Reading: St. Vincent enumerates the motives we have for serving the physical and spiritual needs of persons living in poverty. “The first motive ... is that poor persons have the honor of representing the members of Jesus Christ, who considers the services rendered to them as done to himself. The second is that the souls of poor persons have the image of God imprinted upon them, and therefore we’re bound to honor the Blessed Trinity in them. The third is that the Son of God has recommended this service to us by word and

example. To show the disciples of Saint John that He was the Messiah, He told them that the poor had the Gospel preached to them and the sick were healed. The fourth is that to assist a soul to save itself is to cooperate in the perfect fulfillment of God’s plan in the death of Jesus Christ.” (Coste IX: 51)

Response: ALL: **We pray, O God “... for our good will, for a firm, genuine disposition to seize every opportunity of serving ...” You in persons who are poor.** (Coste XI: 357)



Reflection and Sharing: Let us pause to reflect. Then share.

How does my service of others reflect my love for God?

What can I do to remind myself that my respect and care of another speaks to her/him of God?

Response: ALL: **“As often as you did it for one of my least children, you did it for me.”**

(Matthew 25: 40)

Intercessions: Let us pray to God who sent Jesus as an example of service.

Response: ALL: **Jesus, let us serve others for love of You.**

- + that our prayers may be beneficial for our service of others, especially persons living in poverty ...
- + that we may be alert to other people and anticipate their needs with our support and assistance ...
- + that we may accept and respect all who come to us for help ...
- + that we may see Jesus in the people with whom we work and those we serve ...

(Additional intercessions are welcome.)

Our Father

Closing Prayer: ALL: **All loving God, You want to be our God and want us to be Your people. You invite us to pray with and serve You in persons who are in need. Grace us to follow Your call and to minister in Your name. Listen to our prayer, joining us together as women devoted to our Vincentian charism. We pray all this through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with Jesus, Your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Leader: May God bless us, protect us and lead us to everlasting life. **ALL:** **Amen.**

Leader: All Vincentian Saints and saints, **ALL:** **pray for us.**

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