

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like
a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.”

Epistle: Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth of know-
ing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all things and count
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain
Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from
the law, but that which comes through
faith in Christ, the righteousness from God
that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know
him and the power of his resurrection, and
may share his sufferings, becoming like
him in his death, ¹¹that by any means pos-
sible I may attain the resurrection from the
dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or
am already perfect, but I press on to make it
my own, because Christ Jesus has made me
his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that
I have made it my own. But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining

forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on
toward the goal for the prize of the upward
call of God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9–20

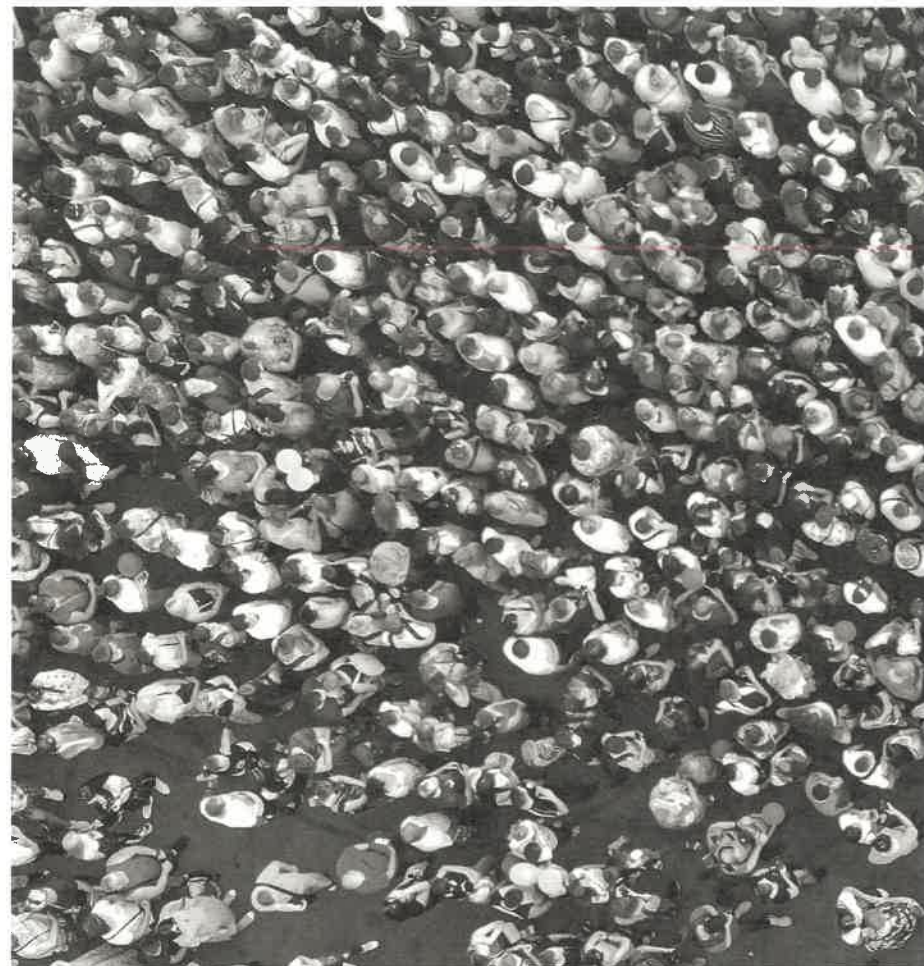
⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this par-
able: “A man planted a vineyard and let
it out to tenants and went into another
country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time
came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so
that they would give him some of the fruit
of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him
and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And
he sent another servant. But they also beat
and treated him shamefully, and sent him
away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a
third. This one also they wounded and cast
out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said,
‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved
son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But
when the tenants saw him, they said to
themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill
him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’
¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard
and killed him. What then will the owner
of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come
and destroy those tenants and give the
vineyard to others.” When they heard this,
they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked
directly at them and said, “What then is
this that is written:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸“Everyone who falls on that stone will be
broken to pieces, and when it falls on any-
one, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought
to lay hands on him at that very hour, for
they perceived that he had told this parable
against them, but they feared the people.

²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who
pretended to be sincere, that they might
catch him in something he said, so as to
deliver him up to the authority and juris-
diction of the governor.



The people
whom I formed for Myself

Isaiah 43:21



About the Cover: As Isaiah prophesied about the coming exile,
he reminded the people of God what He accomplished for them
by forming them to be His people. Our Lord will not abandon us.
Indeed, even today, we stand in the shadow of the cross of Christ,
which reminds us that He watches over us. God formed us as His
people and has forgiven our sins. The journey of life is covered by
Christ, the Savior of the world, who continues to be with us.

