

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Are you envious because I am generous?' The last will be first, and the first will be last."<sup>43</sup>

### **1. Desire**      **I ask the Spirit for the gift of a Livelihood.**

The fruit is a symbol of how a livelihood puts food on the table. The seed symbolizes it's future growth. I eat the fruit and hold its seeds. I feel the Spirit of a Livelihood.

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### **2. Relish**      **Today I live in the Working Trinity.**

Now I imagine I am surrounded in a circle by the Working Trinity. Each person addresses me by name, saying, 'I will work to give you a livelihood. I will be generous.'

I want to end my cycle of poverty, earn a livelihood, receive a just wage, but know not how. So I sit humbly for a while in the mystery of the Working Trinity and my desire.

I relish feeling productive.

### **3. Livelihood.** **I breathe in the Spirit of Livelihood.**

Then I imagine and feel the Spirit breathing the gift of a Livelihood into me.

I breathe it in deep, wait, then breathe it out to meet my need and grant a Livelihood to those in need of one. I repeat as desired – breathing, having a livelihood, renewed.

I conclude giving thanks, moving hopefully into daily life towards a greater livelihood.

PRAYER TIME: 10 minutes.

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<sup>43</sup> Mt 20:1-16