ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1. Jesus told this story: God’s reign can be compared
2. One man, debt-encumbered, could not repay the loan.
3. “Lord, be patient with me, and I will pay in full.”
4. Leaving, that same servant found one who owed him less.
5. Though implored for mercy, the servant, hard of heart,
6. Told of this, in anger the king called that man in.
7. Sowing in the spirit, Paul reaped a Church for God,

To a king who summoned his servants for reckoning there.
So the king said, “Sell him, his family and all he owns.”
Moved to tender pity, the king forgave him all.
“Pay me what you owe me!” he cried, with curse and stress.
Threw the man in prison, till full repayment start.
“Your whole debt was lifted; why then so hard with him?”
Putting up with hardships, that naught impedes the Word.

Refrain

As we treat each other, harshly or with mercy,

So our heav’n-ly Father will treat us in return.

Text: JMT, based on Matthew 18: 23-35 (vv. 1-6), 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 (v. 7)
Melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us (traditional)