

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Liturgical Colour: Green.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your
commands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every
thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never
judged unjustly;
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in
judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your
people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow
men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R/O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *R/*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *R/*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *R/*

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For
when we cannot choose words in order to pray
properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a
way that could never be put into words, and God who
knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well
what he means, and that the pleas of the saints
expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of
God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Or:

Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he
with me.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful
servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your
majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Or:

Rv 3: 20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the
Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O
Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly
mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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