

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gathering Song: Praise To The Lord

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation. O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation. Come, all who hear: Now to his altar draw near, joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew what the almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.
3. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us adore him. All that has life and breath come now with praises before him. Let the amen sound from his people again, now as we worship before him.

## Greeting

### Penitential Act: Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints; and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,  
Christ have Mercy,  
Lord have Mercy

## **Gloria**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You  
thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty  
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at  
the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

~ **Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **1st Reading wis 12:13, 16-19**

There is no god besides you who have the care of all,  
that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.

For your might is the source of justice;  
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved;  
and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency,  
and with much lenience you govern us;

for power, whenever you will, attends you.

And you taught your people, by these deeds,  
that those who are just must be kind;

and you gave your children good ground for hope  
that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The Word of God,  
~Thanks be to God

## **Responsorial Psalm PS 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16**

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.  
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship you, O LORD,  
and glorify your name.  
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;  
you alone are God.

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.  
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;  
give your strength to your servant.

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

## **2nd Reading ROM 8:26-27**

Brothers and sisters:  
The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;

for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.  
And the one who searches hearts  
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,  
because he intercedes for the holy ones  
according to God's will.  
The Word of God,  
~Thanks be to God

## **Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to  
little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel MT 13:24-43**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened  
to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came  
and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said,

'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?

Where have the weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him,

'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds  
you might uproot the wheat along with them.

Let them grow together until harvest;

then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,

“First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn.””

He proposed another parable to them.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed  
that a person took and sowed in a field.  
It is the smallest of all the seeds,  
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.  
It becomes a large bush,  
and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’”

He spoke to them another parable.

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast  
that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour  
until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.

He spoke to them only in parables,  
to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:  
I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation  
of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house.

His disciples approached him and said,

“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,  
the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the evil one,  
and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.  
Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,  
so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels,  
and they will collect out of his kingdom  
all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.  
They will throw them into the fiery furnace,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.  
Then the righteous will shine like the sun  
in the kingdom of their Father.  
Whoever has ears ought to hear.”  
The Gospel of the Lord,  
~Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## Homily

**Profession of Faith:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

## Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition

~ Lord, hear our prayers

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death oh  
Lord, until you come again.

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Amen, Amen, A----men

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb  
of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## Communion Song: Spirit and Grace

1. Spirit and grace, here in this meal; you are the wind that breathes  
through the field. Gather the wheat and form us in Christ. Come, be  
our source and breath of life.

**Refrain: In the bread, blessed, broken, and shared, Christ is our life,  
whose presence we bear. Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in  
this holy meal.**

2. Spirit and grace, here in this meal; you are the life that flows through  
the vine. Gather this drink and form us in Christ. Come, be our source  
and breath of life.

**Refrain**

3. Spirit and grace, here in this place; you are the light that shines in this space. Gather your people and form us in Christ. Come, be the heartbeat of our lives.

### **Refrain**

4. Spirit of God, sending us forth; we spread your wisdom throughout all the earth. Gather the nations and form us in Christ. Come, be the presence in our lives.

### **Refrain**

## **Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## **Concluding Rite**

### **Closing Song**(except 10:30 Mass -see below):

***Blest Be the Lord***

**Refrain: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.**

1. He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure.



### **Refrain**

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night, nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, no evil settle in my soul.

### **Refrain**

3. Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side, I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand. His faithful love is all the armor that I need to wage my battle with the foe.

### **Refrain**

## **Closing -- 10:30 MASS ONLY -- *Go Make A Difference***

**Refrain: Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.**

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see, the love of God in you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen. Go make a difference in the world.

### **Refrain**

2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a difference in the world.

### **Refrain**

3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a difference in the world. And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go. Go make a difference in the world.

### **Refrain**

## **Vocations Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations  
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.  
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,

grant to those You have called  
the willingness and the generosity of spirit  
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents  
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,  
and especially the faith of those You are calling.  
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**