

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

ENTRANCE HYMN

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.*

1. Serve you the Lord,
heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence,
singing for joy.
2. Know that the Lord
is our creator.
Yes, he is our Father,
we are his sons.
3. We are the sheep
of his green pasture,
for we are his people;
he is our God.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and 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 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. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13. 16-19
After sin you will grant repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
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

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R] v. 5

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

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. Eph 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest.

* Jesus put a 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

