

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Introit *Miserere mihi...Ps. 86:3,5, Psalm. 86:1 [8-10, 12, 15]*

TONE VII



Antiphon: Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Psalm: Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

[Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and
worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

For you are great; ↓ you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.]

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓
and to the Holy Spirit, *

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie **or** Kyrie Litany

The Gloria

The Collect:

O Lord, may your grace always go before us and follow us as we do good works; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages.

Amen

The First Reading: Ezekiel 14:1-11

At that time... Certain elders of Israel came to me and sat down before me. And the word of the LORD came to me: Man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and placed their iniquity as a stumbling block before them; shall I let myself be consulted by them? Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Any of those of the house of Israel who take their idols into their hearts and place their iniquity as a stumbling block before them, and yet come to the prophet – I the LORD will answer those who come with the multitude of their idols, in order that I may take hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, all of whom are estranged from me through their idols. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn away from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. For any of those of the house of Israel, or of the aliens who reside in Israel, who separate themselves from me, taking their idols into their hearts and placing their iniquity as a stumbling block before them, and yet come to a prophet to inquire of me by him, I the LORD will answer them myself. I will set my face against them; I will make them a sign and a byword and cut them off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am the LORD. If a prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people

Israel. And they shall bear their punishment – the punishment of the inquirer and the punishment of the prophet shall be the same – so that the house of Israel may no longer go astray from me, nor defile themselves any more with all their transgressions. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God, says the Lord GOD.

The Gradual Timebunt gentes nomen tuum Ps.102:15,16 TONE 1b



The nations shall fear your Name, Q LORD, *
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

For the LORD will build up Zion, *
and his glory will appear.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21

Brethren: I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Alleluia *Cantate Domino canticum novum, Ps. 98:1* Laudate



Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things. *Alleluia*

The Gospel: *Luke 14:1-11*

At that time... when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema (dropsy). And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath, or not?" But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?" And they could not reply to this. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory *Domine in auxillium meum respice* Psalm 40:14,15 TONE VII



Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed
who seek after my life to destroy it; *
let them draw back and be disgraced
who take pleasure in my misfortune.

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, cleanse us by the grace of this sacrifice and make us worthy to partake of it; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Preface of the Holy Trinity

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,
that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you,
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God,
one Lord; not in the unity of a single person,
but in the Trinity of a single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation concerning your
glory, that same we believe of your Son,
that same we believe of the Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead,
we shall adore the Persons as distinct,
their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

This the angels the cherubim and the seraphim do praise;
day by day they cry out unceasingly saying as with one voice:...

Before the Blessing of Peace

Priest: May Almighty God bestow upon you the blessing of His mercy, and give you an understanding of the wisdom that leads to salvation.

People: Amen

Priest: May He nourish you with all knowledge of the Orthodox Faith, and grant you to persevere in every good work.

People: Amen

Priest: May He keep your steps from wandering from the way of truth, and cause you to walk in the paths of peace and charity.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Communion *Domine memorabor...Psalm 71:16-18* TONE VIII



I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; *
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, you have taught me since I was young, *
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God,
do not forsake me, *
till I make known your strength to this generation
and your power to all who are to come.

The Postcommunion Collect:

O Lord, we ask you to graciously cleanse our minds and refresh us with these Holy Mysteries so that even our bodies may find new strength now and in the time to come; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*