



19 JULY 2026 ❖ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A

THE LOVE OF GOD: BEARS ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS



Today is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel is about the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds: a sower plants good seed, but an enemy secretly sows weeds among it. This image depicts the reality of good and evil existing side by side in the world yet highlights even more God's the boundless patience for us. God's love bears all things and embraces even our sinfulness. As we encounter Jesus in this Eucharist may we receive the grace to change and be transformed by His enduring love.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

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. *(Ps 54 (53): 6, 8)*

GREETING

P –The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All–**And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

P –As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.
(Pause)

P –For the times we have doubted God's wisdom in dealing with those who disregard the moral law, Lord, have mercy.
All–**Lord, have mercy.**

P –For the times we have allowed the seeds of evil to flourish within us while complaining about the presence of evil in the world, Christ, have mercy.
All–**Christ, have mercy.**

P –For the times we have not done our share in bringing back to God those who have gone astray, Lord, have mercy.
All–**Lord, have mercy.**

P –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All–**Amen.**

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GLORIA

All – 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.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P – Show favor, 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,
God for ever and ever.
All– Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading Wis 12:13, 16-19

R – A reading from the Book of Wisdom

**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 the Lord.
All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R – Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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Lord, you are good and for-

gi- ving!

- * 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.**
- * 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.**
- * 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.**

2nd Reading Rom 8:26-27

R – A reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans

**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 the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:25

All–Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Gospel

Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

P –The Lord be with you.

All –And with your spirit.

P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew

All –Glory to you, O Lord.

(Long form follows. For short form,
omit what is in brackets.)

**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.

All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

**All – 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, (*bow*)
 * 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P –Heavenly Father, you care for us with
 patience and love. Though we are unworthy, we
 come before You with trust in Your mercy and
 compassion. As we bring our prayers to You, we
 say: Lord, hear our prayer.

All–Lord, hear our prayer.

C –For the Holy Father, the bishops, all the
 clergy and the baptized, may God strengthen
 us in holiness and guide us in leading others to
 conversion. We pray. **R.**

C –For all public servants, may they act
 with wisdom, justice, and humility, promoting
 unity and serving others with fairness and
 compassion. We pray. **R.**

C –For those who feel lonely, troubled, or
 burdened, may the Holy Spirit comfort them and
 give them hope and strength. We pray. **R.**

C –For our departed brothers and sisters, may
 they be welcomed into the peace and joy of
 God’s Kingdom. We pray. **R.**

P –Loving Father, You are kind and full of
 mercy. Hear our prayers and help us to follow
 Your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All –May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
 your hands, for the praise and glory of his
 name, for our good and the good of all his
 holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P –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 honor of
 your majesty
 may benefit the salvation of all.
 Through Christ our Lord.

All–Amen.

PREFACE VII

P –The Lord be with you.

All–And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.

All–We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All–It is right and just.



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P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you so loved the world
that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,
to live like us in all things but sin,
so that you might love in us what you loved in
your Son,
by whose obedience we have been restored to
those gifts of yours
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.
And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we
acclaim:

**All – 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.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P –The mystery of faith.
**All– We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE

**All– Our Father . . .
P– Deliver us, Lord . . .
All –For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**All–Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

P –Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**All – Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(To be recited only when no Communion hymn
is sung.)*

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.
(Ps 111 (110): 4-5)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P –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.
All– Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P –The Lord be with you.
All– And with your spirit.
P –May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All– Amen.
P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your
life.
All– Thanks be to God.



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