

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

This is a reading from the book of Wisdom.

You are the only true God, and you love all people.
You are strong, and you treat everyone with justice.
You are the one who created us,
and so you are gentle and forgiving with us.
By your example, you showed us
that, to do your will, we must be kind to everyone.
We are your children, and you give us hope
because you forgive our sins.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 103*

My God, my God, have mercy on me, for all my hope is in you.
My God, all my hope is in you.

Verses:

1. You teach us how to live and show us how to love.
2. O God, you give us hope; you take away our sins.
3. As parents love their children, you love your faithful people.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

Plant your Word in our hearts. Let it bear fruit in us!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:31-33, 43b*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

One day, when Jesus was teaching his disciples, he said to them,
“Let me give you an example
of what the kingdom of heaven is like.
The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.
Now a mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds in the world.
But when it is planted in the ground,
it grows into the biggest bush and becomes a tree.
Then the birds come and make their nests in its branches.

“And here is another example.
The kingdom of heaven is like yeast,
which a woman puts in her flour when she makes bread.
The yeast seems to be hidden in the flour
until the dough rises.

“Anyone who has ears, listen to what I am really saying.”

The Gospel of the Lord.