

Readings at Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

ENTRANCE HYMN *New English Hymnal 476*

FIRST READING *WISDOM 12.13, 16-19*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

There is not any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 86(85). 5-6, 9-10, 15-16A; R. V. 5A

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication. **R.**

All nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name;
for you are great, and do marvellous deeds,
you, who alone are God. **R.**

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord;
abundant in mercy and fidelity:
turn, and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING *ROMANS 8.26-27*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but
the Spirit himself intercede for us with groanings too
deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows
what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit
intercedes for the saints, according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth: / you have
revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. **R.**

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13.24-30

At that time: *Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but, while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said to them, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and then at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first, and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

OFFERTORY HYMN *New English Hymnal 495*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory
hymns are also displayed on the boards on the pillars*