

# The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16A)

**Entrance Hymn:** see separate sheet

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.*

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51.1-6

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

Psalm 138

**RESPONSE:** *Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

3. The Lord is high yet looks on the lowly  
and the haughty God knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12.1-8

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16.13-20

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew:*

**Glorify to you O Lord**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

This is the Gospel of The Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn:** see separate sheet

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, may this holy offering bring us your blessing and accomplish within us its promise of salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymn:** see separate sheet

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn:** see separate sheet

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## Proper 16

*Sunday between 21 and 27 August inclusive*

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Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for in your love you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be our Saviour.

You deliver us from the darkness of sin and death  
and open to us the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
To you be praise and glory for ever.

We give thanks for all who have witnessed  
to your love and saving power.

We ask your blessing upon all preachers of the word  
and ministers of the sacraments,  
that they may keep us aware of your presence  
and wonderful power.

We pray for all who are growing in the faith,  
and all who attend study groups and Bible class.

We pray especially today  
for all who are struggling with their faith  
and those who have fallen away.

Silence

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
**we look to you to save and help us.**

We give thanks for the wonders of creation  
and the mystery of life.

We ask your blessing upon all who suffer  
from injustice, war or violence.

We remember those caught up in natural disasters  
and struggle due to famine or flood.

We pray for those who feel life has no purpose or meaning  
and all who are tempted to despair.

Silence

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
**we look to you to save and help us.**

We give thanks for the love of our homes and dear ones,  
for all the help and encouragement they have given us.

We ask your blessing on homes where life is restricted  
and where there is little joy.

We remember all who are homeless, all who are deeply in debt  
and all who are uncertain of their future.

Silence

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
**we look to you to save and help us.**

We give thanks for all who share in your healing  
and bringing of peace to peoples and nations.

We ask your blessing upon all who are struggling  
against evil or with illness.

We remember especially  
those for whom life brings little joy or hope.

We pray for friends and loved ones who are ill  
and all who feel lonely or frightened at this time.

Silence

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
**we look to you to save and help us.**

**We give thanks that through Christ  
we are offered eternal life.**

We ask your blessing upon all your saints  
and our loved ones departed.

We commend them, this world and ourselves  
to your unfailing love.

Silence

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**