

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 11 (YEAR A) PROPER 16

## COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through 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.**

## FIRST READING

*Isa 51.1–6*

A reading from 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.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 138*



*R.* On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord. (*All repeat*)



I thank you Lord with <sup>1</sup> all my heart; you have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of my mouth. Before the angels <sup>1</sup> I will bless you; I will adore before your <sup>1</sup> holy temple. *R.*

I thank you for your faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness and love, which excel <sup>1</sup> all we knew of you. On the day I <sup>1</sup> called you answered; you increased the strength <sup>1</sup> of my soul. *R.*

The Lord is high, yet he looks <sup>1</sup> on the lowly, and the haughty he knows <sup>1</sup> from afar. Though I walk in the midst <sup>1</sup> of affliction, you give me life and frust-<sup>1</sup>rate my foes. *R.*

You stretch out your <sup>1</sup> hand and save me, your hand will do <sup>1</sup> all things for me. Your love O Lord <sup>1</sup> is eternal; discard not the work <sup>1</sup> of your hands. *R.*

## SECOND READING

*Rom 12.1–8*

A reading from the letter of Paul 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, 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

*2 Cor 5.19*

*Alleluia.*

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself:  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

*Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

*Mt 16.13–20*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory 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, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no-one that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, through your Son's one sacrifice you adopted us as your people. In your goodness grant your Church the gifts of unity and peace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**