

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – COLLECT & READINGS

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: ⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING James 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my

brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'
²⁹Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'
³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'
³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Psalm 116 – sung by the choir

1. I am / well / pleas-ed:

1*. that the Lord hath heard the / voice / of my / prayer;

2. That he hath inclin-ed his ear / unto / me :

2*. therefore will I call upon him as / long / as I / live.

3. The snares of death compass-ed me / round a- / bout:

3*. and the pains of / hell gat / hold up- / on me.

4. I shall find trouble and heaviness * and I will call upon the Name / of the / Lord:

4*. O Lord I beseech / thee, de- / liver • my / soul.

5. Gracious is the / Lord and / righteous:

5*. yea our / God is / merci- / ful.

6. The Lord pre- / serveth • the / simple :

6*. I was in misery / and he / help-ed / me.

7. Turn again then unto thy rest / O my / soul:

7*. for the Lord / hath re- / warded / thee.

8. And why * thou hast deliver-ed my / soul from / death:

8*. mine eyes from tears / and my / feet from / falling.

G1. Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:

G1*. and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

G2. As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be:

G2*. world without / end. / A- / men.