

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: RAIN DOWN (BB#600)

*Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.*

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

Reading 1

Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,
he shall do what is just and right in the land.
In his days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.
This is the name they give him:
“The LORD our justice.”

Responsorial Psalm

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

He lets me rest in open fields so green.
He leads me to the quiet streams.
He gives me strength and guides me in his ways.
He renews his promises each day.

He is my guide, my shepherd and my king,
and in my fear he offers peace.
Though I walk through the valley,
I will not be afraid.
You will protect me; I'll be saved.

Reading 2

Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the
dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with
its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in

himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Offertory Hymn: LET THE PEACE OF GOD REIGN

O Lord, I hunger for more of You,
Rise up within me, let me know Your truth.
O, Holy Spirit, saturate my soul,
And let the life of God fill me now;
Let Your healing pow'r
bring life and make me whole,
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

Communion Hymn: OCEANS

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior.

Meditation: KING OF MY HEART

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Recessional Hymn: A RIGHTFUL PLACE (BB#726)

Let us live our lives so that all might see
that our hearts are restless till they rest in thee.
Let us build your kingdom in truth and grace
so that all might know they have a rightful place.

Beauty ever ancient and new,
breaking through our deafness so we hear you.
Shattering the darkness of night,
a new dawn is rising to bring your light to all the world.