

Sunday

16 August 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1. 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice,
and do what is right, for soon my
salvation will come, and my deliverance
be revealed. And the foreigners who
join themselves to the LORD, to
minister to him, to love the name of
the LORD, and to be his servants, all
who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it, and hold fast my covenant –
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer; their burnt-offerings and their
sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the
Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts
of Israel, I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Or **Genesis 45:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 67

R *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

May God be merciful to us and bless
us,

show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]

Let the nations be glad and sing
for joy,

for you judge the peoples
with equity

and guide all the nations upon
earth. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]

The earth has brought forth
her increase;

may God, our own God, give us
his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand
in awe of him. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his
people? By no means! I myself am an
Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a
member of the tribe of Benjamin. God
has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew. For the gifts and the calling
of God are irrevocable. Just as you

were once disobedient to God but
have now received mercy because of
their disobedience, so they have now
been disobedient in order that, by the
mercy shown to you, they too may now
receive mercy. For God has imprisoned
all in disobedience so that he may be
merciful to all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.*

[Then Jesus called the crowd to
him and said to them, "Listen and
understand: it is not what goes into
the mouth that defiles a person, but it
is what comes out of the mouth that
defiles." Then the disciples approached
and said to him, "Do you know that the
Pharisees took offence when they heard
what you said?" He answered, "Every
plant that my heavenly Father has not
planted will be uprooted. Let them
alone; they are blind guides of the
blind. And if one blind person guides
another, both will fall into a pit." But
Peter said to him, "Explain this parable
to us." Then he said, "Are you also still
without understanding? Do you not
see that whatever goes into the mouth
enters the stomach, and goes out into
the sewer? But what comes out of the
mouth proceeds from the heart, and
this is what defiles. For out of the heart
come evil intentions, murder, adultery,

fornication, theft, false witness, slander.
These are what defile a person, but
to eat with unwashed hands does
not defile."] Jesus went away to the
district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite
woman from that region came out and
started shouting, "Have mercy on me,
Lord, Son of David; my daughter is
tormented by a demon." But he did
not answer her at all. And his disciples
came and urged him, saying, "Send her
away, for she keeps shouting after us."
He answered, "I was sent only to the
lost sheep of the house of Israel." But
she came and knelt before him, saying,
"Lord, help me." He answered, "It is
not fair to take the children's food and
throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes,
Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs
that fall from their masters' table."
Then Jesus answered her, "Woman,
great is your faith! Let it be done for
you as you wish." And her daughter
was healed instantly.

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.

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