

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Priest's Tidings

We all wish to see a world without evil, a Church without faults. To see that the real Church and the real world are not sinless and not perfect makes us impatient. Jesus reminds us today: be patient, for God is patient with the Church and with the world, and also with us. Let's not forget this. He gives us the time to change. Let us ask Jesus in this Eucharist that we may begin the change of the world and of the Church with the change of ourselves.

Fr Hugo



Entrance Hymn: 676 - Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

Collect:

Show favour, O Lord,
to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Reading from the book of Wisdom 12

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes
you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power
is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your
power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have
given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R./ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.. **R/**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R/**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me **R/**

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayers of Intercession

R/ Lord, guide us and help us.

We give thanks that you have called us to work for you. Through your Spirit give us the gifts of wisdom and love in all our dealings. We ask your blessing upon the Church where it is working among the oppressed and rejected peoples of our world. Give your Church courage to stand against evil and work for the good of all. **R/**

We give thanks for the balance and harmony of your creation. We pray for all who are working to stop pollution of land, sea and air; all who work to protect the species and the harvests of our world. We ask your blessing upon those who seek to care for the rain forests. We pray for all who strive for justice and for the social welfare of all people. **R/**

We give thanks for our loved ones and our homes and ask you to bless and protect us. We remember all who are forced to live in slums or shantytowns and those who live on the streets of our cities. We pray for all whose relationships have broken down, especially those full of anger or guilt. **R/**

We pray for all who have suffered through the wickedness or evil of others. We remember victims of crime, violence and abuse. We pray for all whose memories are scarred. We ask your blessing on households that have suffered because one member has gone astray. We pray for all who are ill and in need of care. **R/**

Heavenly Father, we lift St Matthew's Elephant and Castle to You. By Your Spirit, grow Your church in number, faith, and love. Draw those who are searching to Christ, equip us to share the Gospel with boldness, and make us a welcoming community where lives are transformed. May all who come encounter Your presence. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen. **R/**

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

Offertory Hymn: 282 - Come ye thankful people come

Communion Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful Saviour,

Wonderful, merciful Saviour
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a
Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counsellor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the
way

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your
throne

You are the One that we praise
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Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ALL: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Strengthen us by the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Recessional - 763 - Praise to the Holiest in the height,

Prayer and Meditation

Gospel Reading:

"Spirit of Truth, sent by Jesus to lead us to the whole truth, open our minds to the understanding of the Scriptures. You, who by descending upon Mary of Nazareth made her the good soil where the Word of God could take root, purify our hearts of all that resists the Word. Grant that we may learn, as she did, to listen with a good and perfect heart to the Word God sends us in life and in Scripture, so that we may cherish it and bear fruit through our perseverance."

Personal Questions:

- a) Faced with the evil you see in the world and in yourself, what is your reaction—that of the servants or that of the master?
- b) What signs of God's presence do you manage to glimpse in the world and in your life?
- c) What image of God emerges from these three parables? Is this your image of God?

Concluding Prayer:

Lord, You have mercy on all because You can do all things. You love all that exists and hate nothing You have created. You forgive our sins and, with patience, correct us and call us to conversion so that we may turn away from evil and believe in You. Your power is manifested in Your justice, mercy, and forgiveness. Grant that we may always trust in Your love and that our lives may be a praise to Your holy name. Amen.

What's happening in our Parish!

Sunday

Mission WhatsApp Groups

We have a series of WhatsApp groups with activities voted for by the congregation. Please have a look and see if you would like to join one: if you are already in one, please think of ways you can proactively help run the activity you have volunteered for.

Welcoming at our Eucharist

Are you able to arrive at 9.15am to help welcome people into our church? If so, it would be lovely to have you join the welcoming team! Please chat to Cynthia so we can add you to the rota

Regular Giving

Many thanks for your generous giving to the ministry of St Matthews' each week. If you have taken home a red envelope please fill out the form and return it so we can plan our future developments of St Matthew's



Youth Club

Our Youth Club runs on Fridays from 5-7pm at Christ Church, 90 Brixton Road, SW9 6BE. All 14-18 year olds are welcome!

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