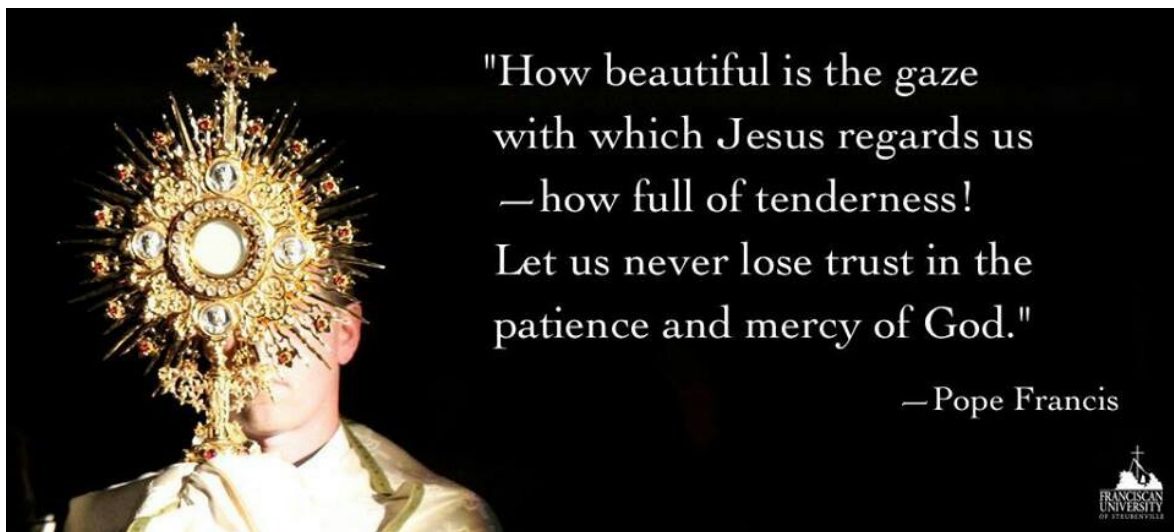


# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 19, 2020



**Prelude:** *Partita*, J.S. Bach

### Entrance Antiphon

*Behold, God is my helper, and the Lord is the upholder of my soul.  
Turn back all the evil against my enemies;  
Destroy them in your fidelity, O Lord, the Protector of my life.*

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.  
And on earth peace to men of good will.  
We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.  
We give You thanks for Your great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord.  
You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high.  
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Reading 1: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

## Responsorial Psalm 86



Lord, — you are good — and for - giv - ing.

*You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.*

*Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my pleading.*

*All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship you, O LORD,  
and glorify your name.*

*For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;  
you alone are God.*

*You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.*

*Turn toward me, and have pity on me;  
give your strength to your servant.*



## Reading 2: Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.



**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’

His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

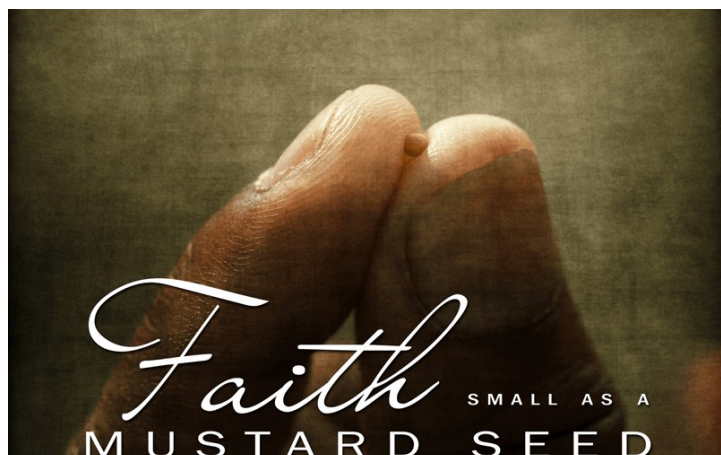
He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”



## Offertory Hymn: The Reign of God

*The reign of God like farmer's field,  
bears weeds along with wheat.  
The good and bad are intertwined  
till harvest is complete.*

*The reign of God is like a pearl  
on barren land concealed.  
If once you find that precious pearl,  
go out and buy that field.*

*The reign of God cannot be found in far off,  
foreign land,  
Till in familiar face and place  
we find it close at hand.*

*Though hidden now, the reign of God  
may yet unnoticed grow.  
From deep within it rises up,  
like yeast in swelling dough.*

## Communion Antiphon

*You will accept a sacrifice of righteousness,  
Oblations and burnt offerings placed on your altar, O Lord.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present  
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

## Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

## Recessional Hymn: Regina Caeli

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

## Communion Meditation: The Lord is my Shepherd

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;  
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*