

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Gathering

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

## God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has 'heard my voice, and listened to my 'supplication, <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given 'ear to me wheney-'er I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup> came upon me; I came to <sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD:

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." R

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the <sup>1</sup> LORD and righteous; our God is full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches o- <sup>1</sup> ver the innocent; I was brought low, <sup>1</sup> and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, <sup>1</sup> O my soul. for the LORD has dealt <sup>1</sup> well with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my | life from death, my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the LORD in the land | of the living. R

# Mark 8:27-36

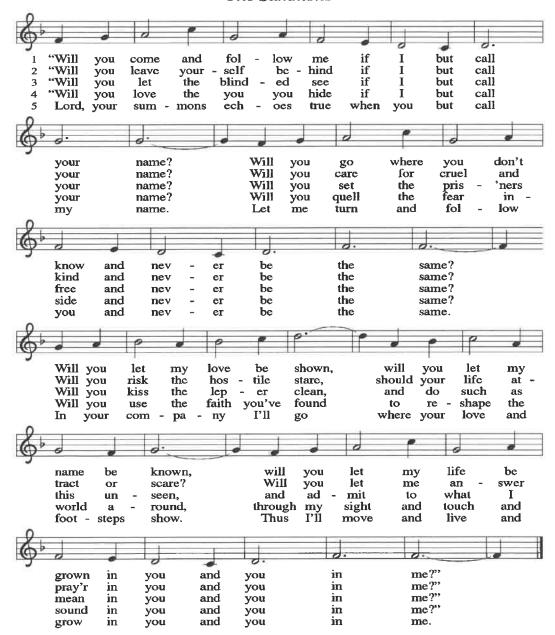
<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then 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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But 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."

<sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>For 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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

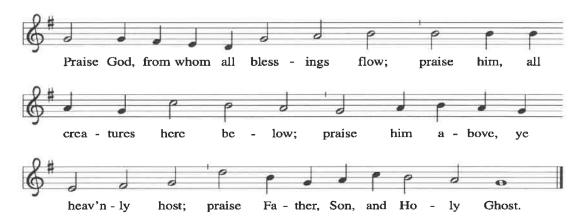
#### **SERMON**

# Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



**Offering** – In addition to monetary offerings, please share any offerings of God moving in your life and the world.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

# LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.