THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
YEAR B

JULY 18, 2021

Readings in Worship hymnal #1155

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Ps 54 (53): 6, 8
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

READING I: JER 23:1-6
Through the prophet, God promises (1) to punish the leaders who are scattering the flock and not caring for them, (2) to intervene directly in caring for the people, (3) to provide leaders who will exercise pastoral care, and (4) to restore the Davidic dynasty.

PSALM RESPONSE:
Ps 23:1-3, 4-5, 6 (1)
(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING II: Eph 2:13-18
Paul begins this letter with a prayer of blessing, giving thanks for God’s action in blessing us in Christ “with every spiritual blessing.” The rest of the prayer spells out those blessings: election “before the foundation of the World,” adoption, redemption, revelation of the mystery of faith, sealing with the promised Holy Spirit “which is the first installment of our inheritance.”

GOSPEL: Mk 6:30-34
Jesus sends out the Twelve, provided only with the basics, to extend his mission of revealing the kingdom’s presence by driving out “unclean spirits” and curing the sick.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Rev 3:20
Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.