

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
COLLECT, READINGS, HYMNS & SONGS**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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. **Amen**

**CREATION SEASON COLLECT**

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: <sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**SECOND READING James 3:1-12**

A reading from the letter of James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea

creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## **GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

<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>Jesus 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? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## **HYMNS & SONGS DURING THE SERVICE**

**Opening: AM 4 - Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

**Children's: And God said**

**1** And God said the sun should shine,  
The rain should fall, the flowers should  
grow,  
And God said the birds should sing,  
And it was so, was so.

**2** And God said the grass should grow,  
The trees bear fruit, the winds should  
blow,  
And God said the streams should flow,  
And it was so, was so.

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## **Gradual: From heaven you came**

<sup>1</sup>From heav'n you came, helpless babe  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life, that we might live.

*This is our God, the servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the servant King.*

<sup>2</sup>There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

*This is our God, the servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the servant King.*

<sup>3</sup>Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice;  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the servant King.*

<sup>4</sup>So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the servant King.*

## **Offertory: How deep the Father's love for us**

<sup>1</sup>How deep the Father's love for us  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

<sup>2</sup>Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

<sup>3</sup>I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

**Stuart Townend**

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**Final: AM 239 - Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go**