

**Liturgy Notes for  
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 18, 2021**

The Lord's promise through Jeremiah—"I myself will gather my flock"—is fulfilled in Christ who beckons, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." "Beside restful waters he leads me"; the waters are Jesus himself. When others "came to know about" this retreat, "they hastened there on foot," eager to "become near by the blood of Christ"—whose heart is always moved with pity for the poor and needy. We are members of that "vast crowd" who realize that Jesus himself "is our peace," the one who enables us to "dwell in security." (Magnificat)

**Entrance Antiphon**

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.

**Collect (Opening Prayer)**

Show favor, 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, one God, for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives good to those who fear him.

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