ARCHDIOCESE OF BOMBAY

20 July 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C



Introduction:

Dear friends in Christ, the mystery of today's celebration is Christ among us as our friend. We welcome him as Abraham and Sarah welcome the Lord at Mamre, and Martha and Mary welcomed Christ at Bethany in their home. At this Eucharist, let us choose to sit at the feet of Our Master Jesus and listen to him speaking to us his life-giving words as Mary did.

First Reading: Gen 18: 1-10a

Psalm: Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab,5

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28 **Gospel:** Lk 10: 38-42

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us now, sitting at the Lord's feet petition him our needs and the needs of our world. Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Leo Our Pope, the bishops, Clergy and Religious everywhere, that while involved in apostolic work, they may deeply listen to Christ, while choosing the better part as Mary did. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those in Government, that they may listen to the voices of the poor and those oppressed and persecuted among minorities and thus work towards Communal harmony and peace. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our Small Christian Communities, that through Gospel sharing and reflecting together, we may listen to the Lord as He speaks to us and be alert to the signs of our times. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all of us that like Martha while we are active in our apostolates, we may also like Mary, choose the better part of constantly listening to the Lord, so that our involvement in Mission becomes more meaningful and relevant. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our personal and local needs... We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Be near to those who call on you, O Lord, and graciously grant all our needs, so that listening to you, we may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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