

Fourth Sunday in ordinary Time B

31 January 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

"The Lord your God will raise up for you
a prophet like me from among your own people;
you shall heed such a prophet.

This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb
on the day of the assembly when you said:

'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more,
or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'

"Then the Lord replied to me:

'They are right in what they have said.

I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their own people;

I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet,
who shall speak to them everything that I command.

"Anyone who does not heed the words
that the prophet shall speak in my name,
I myself will hold accountable.

But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods,
or who presumes to speak in my name
a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak-
that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. **R.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:17, 32-35

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters,
let each of you lead the life
that the Lord has assigned,
to which God has called you.

I want you to be free from anxieties.

The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord,
how to please the Lord;
but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world,
how to please his wife,

and his interests are divided.

The unmarried woman and the virgin
are concerned about the affairs of the Lord,
so that they may be holy in body and spirit;
but the married woman is concerned about the affairs of the world,
how to please her husband.

I say this for your own benefit,
not to put any, restraint upon you,
but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

The disciples went to Capernaum;
and when the sabbath came,
Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

They were astounded at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,
and he cried out,

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us?"

I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying,

"Be silent, and come out of him!"

And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man
and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another,

"What is this? A new teaching-with authority!

He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

At once Jesus' fame began to spread
throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.