

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

## 7 February 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job spoke to his friends:

"Do not human beings have a hard service on earth,  
and are not their days like the days of a labourer?

Like a slave who longs for the shadow,  
and like labourers who look for their wages,  
so I am allotted months of emptiness,  
and nights of misery are apportioned to me.

"When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?'

But the night is long,  
and I am full of tossing until dawn.

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,  
and come to their end without hope.

Remember that my life is a breath;  
my eye will never again see good."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6

**R.** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**or R.** Alleluia!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.  
the Lord builds us Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel. **R.**

The Lord heals the broken-hearted,  
and binds up their wounds.  
He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names. **R.**  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.  
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting,  
for an obligation is laid on me,  
and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!  
For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward;  
but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.  
What then is my reward?  
Just this:  
that in my proclamation  
I may make the gospel free of charge,  
so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.  
For though I am free with respect to all,  
I have made myself a slave to all,  
so that I might win more of them.  
To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak.  
I have become all things to all people,  
that I might by all means save some.  
I do it all for the sake of the gospel,  
so that I may share in its blessings.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue,  
they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.  
Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever;  
and they told Jesus about her at once.

He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.  
Then the fever left her; and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown,  
they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons.  
And the whole city was gathered around the door.  
And he cured many who were sick with various diseases,  
and cast out many demons;  
and he would not permit the demons to speak,  
because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark,  
Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,  
and there he prayed.  
And Simon and his companions hunted for him.  
When they found him, they said to him,  
"Everyone is searching for you."

He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns,  
so that I may proclaim the message there also;  
for that is what I came out to do."

And Jesus went throughout Galilee,  
proclaiming the message in their synagogues  
and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**