

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

4 July 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

When I saw this, I fell on my face,
and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

When the voice spoke to me,
a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet;
and I heard one speaking to me:

"Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel,
to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me;
The descendants are impudent and stubborn.
I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them,
'Thus says the Lord God.'

Whether they hear or refuse to hear
(for they are a rebellious house),
they shall know that there has been a prophet among them."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes-
O you who are enthroned in the heavens-
as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master. **R.**

As the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us. **R.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy.
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has done more than its fill of the scorn
of those who are at ease, of contempt of the proud. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Considering the exceptional character of the revelations,
to keep me from being too elated,
a thorn was given me in the flesh,
a messenger of Satan to torment me,
to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this,
that it would leave me,
but he said to me,

"My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Therefore I am content
with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities
for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord now upon me;
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary
and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon,
and are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them,

"Prophets are not without honour,

except in their hometown,

and among their own kin, and in their own house."

And Jesus could do no deed of power there,
except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

And Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

