

Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time B

7 November 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah, the prophet, set out and went to Zarephath.

When he came to the gate of the town,

a widow was there gathering sticks;

he called to her and said,

"Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said,

"Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

But she said, "As the Lord your God lives,

I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in ajar;

and a little oil in a jug;

I am now gathering a couple of sticks,

so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son,

that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her;

"Do not be afraid;

go and do as you have said;

but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me,

and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

For thus says the Lord the God of Israel:

'The jar of meal will not be emptied

and the jug of oil will not fail

until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.'"

She went and did as Elijah said,

so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

The jar of meal was not emptied,

neither did the jug of oil fail,

according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind,
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands,
a mere copy of the true one,
but he entered into heaven itself,
now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Nor was it to offer himself again and again,
as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year
with blood that is not his own;
for then he would have had to suffer again and again
since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once,
and after that comes the judgment,
so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,

will appear a second time,
not to deal with sin,
but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Jesus was teaching in the temple,
and a large crowd was listening to him.

He said,

"Beware of the scribes,
who like to walk around in long robes,
and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,
and to have the best seats in the synagogues
and places of honour at banquets!

They devour widows' houses
and for the sake of appearance say long prayers.
They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury,
and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury.

Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins,
which are worth a penny.

Then he called his disciples and said to them,

"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more
than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

For all of them have contributed out of their abundance;

but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had,
all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.