

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

First Reading † Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said,

‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites,
to the rebels who have turned against me.
Till now they and their ancestors
have been in revolt against me.
The sons are defiant and obstinate;
I am sending you to them, to say,
“The Lord says this.”
Whether they listen or not,
this set of rebels shall know
there is a prophet among them.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 122

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

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

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

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy.

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

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man’s disdain.

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

Second Reading † 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!

About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said,

‘My grace is enough for you:
my power is at its best in weakness.’

So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said,

‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’

And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them,

‘A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house’;

and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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