

TENTH SUNDAY



A reading from the first book of the Kings

Look, said Elijah, your son is living.

The son of the mistress of the house fell sick; his illness was so severe that in the end he had no breath left in him. And the woman said to Elijah,

‘What quarrel have you with me, man of God?
Have you come here to bring my sins home to me and to kill my son?’

‘Give me your son’, he said,

and taking him from her lap, carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord,

‘Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief
to the widow who is looking after me
by killing her son?’

He stretched himself on the child three times and cried out to the Lord,

‘Lord my God, may the soul of this child,
I beg you, come into him again!’

The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah and the soul of the child returned to him again and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother.

‘Look’, Elijah said, ‘your son is alive.’

And the woman replied,

‘Now I know you are a man of God
and the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth itself.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 29:2.4-6.11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading † Galatians 1:11-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

God revealed his Son in me, that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans.

The Good News I preached is not a human message that I was given by men, it is something that I learnt only through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You must have heard of my career as a practising Jew, how merciless I was in persecuting the Church of God, how much damage I did to it, how I stood out among other Jews of my generation, and how enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors.

Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans.

I did not stop to discuss this with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were already apostles before me, but I went off to Arabia at once and later went straight back from there to Damascus. Even when after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days, I did not see any of the other apostles; I only saw James, the brother of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Young man, I say to you, arise.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her.

'Do not cry,' he said.

Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said,

'Young man, I tell you to get up'.

And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying,

'A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.'

And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.