

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY



A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him.

‘Now I know’ he said
‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.
Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’

But Elisha replied,

‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’

Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said,

‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading # 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal — but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel # Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him,

'Jesus Master! Take pity on us.'

When he saw them he said,

'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'

Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say,

'Were not all ten made clean?

The other nine, where are they?

It seems that no one has come back
to give praise to God, except this foreigner.'

And he said to the man,

'Stand up and go on your way.

Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.