

FOURTH SUNDAY

Season of the Year B

First Reading † Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

“The Lord your God will raise up a prophet like me; you shall listen to him.
This is what you asked the Lord your God to do –
at Horeb, on the day of the assembly, when you said,
“Never let me hear the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire again, or I shall die.”

“Then the Lord said to me,
“What they have said is good. From their own brothers I shall raise up a prophet like yourself;
I shall put my words into his mouth and he will tell them everything I command him.
Anyone who refuses to listen to my words, spoken by him in my name,
will have to render an account to me.
But the prophet who presumes to say something in my name
which I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods,
that prophet must die.”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 94:1-2.6-9

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the God who made us,
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your ancestors put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

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

I want you to be free of anxiety. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may be pleasing to the Lord.

The married man is anxious about worldly things, how he may be pleasing to his wife, and he is divided. And the unmarried woman, and the virgin, is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy in both body and spirit, but the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how she may be pleasing to her husband.

I am saying this to be helpful to you, not in order to put a halter on you, but so that everything should be in proper order and acceptable to the Lord without distractions.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum, and at once on the Sabbath he went into the synagogue and began to teach. And they were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them with authority, not like the scribes.

And at once in their synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out saying,

‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’

And Jesus rebuked it saying,

‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’

And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. All the people were so astonished that they started asking one another what it meant, saying,

‘A new teaching, with authority: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’

And his reputation at once spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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