

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY



*First Reading* † **1 Kings 17:10-16**

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

### **A reading from the first book of Kings**

Elijah the Prophet went to Sidon and when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said,

‘Please bring a little water in a pitcher for me to drink.’

She was on her way to fetch it when he called to her, saying,

‘And bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’

She replied,

‘As the Lord your God lives, I have no baked bread,  
but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug;  
I am just gathering a stick or two to go  
and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’

But Elijah said to her,

‘Don’t be afraid, go and do as you have said;  
but first make a little cake of it for me and bring it to me,  
and make some for yourself and for your son afterwards.  
For the Lord, the God of Israel, says this:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
till the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial* † **Psalm 145:7-10**

### ***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry;  
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

### ***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the righteous,  
the Lord who protects the stranger.

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God from age to age.

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

***Second Reading † Hebrews 9:24-28***

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands which was merely a model of the real one; he entered 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 goes into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the foundation of the world.

As it is, he has made his appearance once and for all, at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since it is appointed for human beings to die only once, after which comes judgement, so Christ too, having offered himself only once *to bear the sins of many*, will manifest himself a second time, sin being no more, to those who are waiting for him, to bring them salvation.

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † Matthew 5:3***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel [longer form] † Mark 12:38-44***

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

In his teaching Jesus said,

'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes,  
to be greeted respectfully in the market squares,  
to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets.  
These are the men who devour the property of widows and,  
as an excuse, offer long prayers.  
The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, of very little value. Then he called his disciples and said to them,

'Amen I say to you, this poor widow has put in most of all  
who are putting money into the treasury;  
for they have all put in money they could spare,  
but she out of her poverty has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Gospel [shorter form] † Mark 12:41-44*

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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