

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY



*First Reading # 1 Kings 19:16.19-21*

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

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

The Lord said to Elijah:

‘You must anoint Elisha son of Shaphat,  
of Abel-Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.’

Leaving there, he came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah and said,

‘Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you.’

Elijah answered,

‘Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?’

Elisha turned away, took the yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the yoke of the oxen for cooking the meat, which he gave to the people to eat. He then rose and, following Elijah, became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial # Psalm 15:1-2.5.7-11*

### ***You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord.’  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who secure my destiny.

### ***You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord before me always;  
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

### ***You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
nor let your faithful see corruption.

***You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

***You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

***Second Reading † Galatians 5:1.13-18***

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

Christ freed us for freedom. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be held again by the yoke of slavery.

Brothers and sisters, you were called to freedom; only do not use your freedom as an opening for the flesh, but serve one another in love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in the one commandment: *You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*

If you go snapping at one another and devouring one another, take care that you are not eaten up by one another.

Instead, I tell you, be guided by the Spirit, and do not fulfil the desires of the flesh. The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh: they are opposed to one another, so that you may not do whatever you please. If you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel # Luke 9:51-62***

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

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

Now it happened that as the time drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus resolutely turned his face towards Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said,

‘Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?’

But he turned and rebuked them, and they went on to another village.

As they were travelling along the road someone said to him,

‘I will follow you wherever you go.’

Jesus answered,

‘Jackals have holes and the birds of the air have nests,  
but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.’

To another he said,

‘Follow me.’

But he replied,

‘Let me first go and bury my father.’

But Jesus answered him,

‘Leave the dead to bury their dead; but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’

Another said,

‘I will follow you, Lord, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.’

Jesus said to him,

‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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