

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY



First Reading † 2 Kings 5:14-17

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

A reading from the second book of the Kings

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

Returning to the man of God with his whole escort, he went in and, presenting himself, said,

‘Now I know that there is no God anywhere on 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”, please allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, since your servant will no longer make burnt offerings 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.

O 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 deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his fidelity to 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;
break out into joyous song,
and sing out your praise.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading † 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David – according to my gospel, for which I put up with suffering, even to being bound like a criminal. But God’s word is not bound. Because of this persevere for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they, too, may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.
If we persevere, we shall also reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
If we are faithless, he remains 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

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Now it happened that on the way to Jerusalem he was travelling in the borderlands of Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten men suffering from leprosy came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him,

‘Jesus! Master! Have mercy 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 prostrate at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This led Jesus to say,

‘Were not ten made clean?
The other nine, where are they?
Was none of them found to 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.

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