

70 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly.

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

- 3 Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his commands;
seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath.
- 12 For I will leave in the midst of you
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—
- 13 the remnant of Israel;
they shall do no wrong and utter no lies,
nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths.
Then they will pasture and lie down,
and no one shall make them afraid.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. Mt 5.3)

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 6 It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**
- 8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
- 9 and watches over the strangers. **R.**
- The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.26-31

God chose what is weak in the world.

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

- 26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:
not many of you were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth.
- 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
- 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not,
to reduce to nothing things that are,
- 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God.
- 30 God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God,
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- 31 in order that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5.12

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 Then he began to speak, and he taught them, saying:
- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- 7 “Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.