

72 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

- 4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
5 “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born, I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.
- 17 “Therefore, gird up your loins;
stand up and tell the people everything that I command you.
Do not break down before them,
or I will break you before them.
- 18 And I for my part have made you today a fortified city,
an iron pillar, and a bronze wall,
against the whole land—
against the kings of Judah,
its princes, its priests, and the people of the land.
- 19 “They will fight against you;
but they shall not prevail against you,
for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 71.1-2, 3, 5-6, 15+17 (R.15)

R. I will sing of your salvation.

- 1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me. **R.**
- 3 Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked. **R.**
- 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
- 6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. **R.**

15 My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all day long.
17 O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.31 - 13.13

Faith, hope, and love abide; the greatest of these is love.

The shorter version (4-13) begins at the asterisk.

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

Brothers and sisters,
31 strive for the greater gifts.
And I will show you a still more excellent way.
1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 If I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
3 If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
4 * Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
5 It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.
7 It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
8 Love never ends.
But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;
as for tongues, they will cease;
as for knowledge, it will come to an end.
9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;
10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.
11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child,
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;
when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ➤

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly,
but then we will see face to face.
Now I know only in part;
then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13 Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 4.18-19

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

*The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.*

GOSPEL

Luke 4.21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was not sent only to the Jewish people.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit,
came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.
He went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom,
and read from the prophet Isaiah.
The eyes of all were fixed on him.
Then he began to say to them,

21 “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

22 All spoke well of him
and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.
They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

23 Jesus said to them,
“Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,
‘Doctor, cure yourself!’
And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown
the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”

24 And he said, “Truly I tell you,
no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.

25 But the truth is,
there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah,
when the heaven was shut up three years and six months,
and there was a severe famine over all the land;

26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them
except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.
27 There were also many lepers in Israel
in the time of the prophet Elisha,
and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”
28 When they heard this,
all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
29 They got up, drove Jesus out of the town,
and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built,
so that they might hurl him off the cliff.
30 But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way.
The gospel of the Lord.