



74 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Job 7.1-4, 6-7

Sorrow fills all my days.

A reading from the book of Job.

- 1 Job spoke to his friends:
"Does not the human being have a hard service on earth,
and are not their days like the days of a labourer?
2 Like a slave who longs for the shadow,
and like a labourer who looks for their wages,
3 so I am allotted months of emptiness,
and nights of misery are apportioned to me.
4 When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?'
But the night is long,
and I am full of tossing until dawn.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
and come to their end without hope.
7 Remember that my life is a breath;
my eye will never again see good."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.1a, 3)

R. Sing praises to the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

or: Alleluia!

- 1 How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel. R.
3 The Lord heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
4 He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names. R.
5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground. R.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians,
 Brothers and sisters:

If I proclaim the Gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting,
 for an obligation is laid on me,
 and woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!
 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward;
 but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.
 What then is my reward?

Just this:
 that in my proclamation
 I may make the Gospel free of charge,
 so as not to make full use of my rights in the Gospel.
 For though I am free with respect to all,
 I have made myself a slave to all,
 so that I might win more of them.
 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak.
 I have become all things to all people,
 that I might by all means save some.
 I do it all for the sake of the Gospel,
 so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Christ took our infirmities,
 and bore our diseases.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:28-39

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

28 As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue,
 they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

29 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever,
 and they told Jesus about her at once.

30 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.
 Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

31 That evening, at sunset,
 they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons.

32 And the whole city was gathered around the door.

33 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases,
 and cast out many demons;

34 and he would not permit the demons to speak,
 because they knew him.

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark,
 Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,
 and there he prayed.

36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

37 When they found him, they said to him,
 "Everyone is searching for you."

38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns,
 so that I may proclaim the message there also;
 for that is what I came out to do."

39 And Jesus went throughout Galilee,
 proclaiming the message in their synagogues
 and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

As long as they are unclean they shall live alone outside the camp.

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:
"When someone has on the skin of their body
a swelling or an eruption or a spot,
and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of their body,
that person shall be brought to Aaron the priest
or to one of his sons the priests.
Anyone who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes
and let the hair of their head be dishevelled
and shall cover their upper lip and cry out,
'Unclean, unclean.'

That person shall remain unclean as long as the disease persists;
and being unclean, such a one shall live alone
with their dwelling outside the camp."

The word of the Lord.

SPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 52.1-2, 5, 11 (R.7)

R. You are my refuge, Lord;
with deliverance you surround me.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit. R.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. R.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. R.

Leviticus 7.16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A great Prophet has risen among us;
God has looked favourably on his people.

Brothers and sisters:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks
or to the Church of God,

just as I try to please everyone in everything I do,
not seeking my own advantage, but that of many,
so that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

40 A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him,
and kneeling said to Jesus,
"If you choose, you can make me clean."
41 Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him,
and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean."
42 Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.
43 After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once,
44 saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone;
but go, show yourself to the priest,
and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded,
as a testimony to them."
45 But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely,
and to spread the word,
so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly,
but stayed out in the country;
and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

The Gospel of the Lord.



80 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:18-19, 20-22, 24-25

I will not remember your sins.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

- 18 Thus says the Lord:
"Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
20 I will give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
22 Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!
23 You have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.
24 I, I am He
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 41:1-2, 3-4, 12-13 (R, 4b)

R. Heal me, O Lord,
for I have sinned against you.

- 1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor;
the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.
2 The Lord protects them and keeps them alive,
makes them happy in the land,
and does not give them up
to the will of their enemies. R.
3 The Lord sustains that person on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.
4 As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you." R.

12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. R.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 1:18-11

Jesus was not "Yes and No," but always "Yes."

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
18 As surely as God is faithful,
our word to you has not been "Yes and No."
19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you,
Silvanus and Timothy and I,
was not "Yes and No"; but in him it is always "Yes."
20 For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes."
For this reason it is through him
that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God.
21 But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ
and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us
and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.
22 The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 4:18-19

The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives.

GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-12

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum,
it was reported that he was at home.
So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them,
not even in front of the door;
and he was speaking the word to them.
Then some people came,
bringing to Jesus a paralysed man, carried by four of them.
And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd,
they removed the roof above him;
and after having dug through it, they let down the mat
on which the paralysed man lay.
When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man,
"Son, your sins are forgiven."
Now some of the scribes were sitting there,
questioning in their hearts,
"Why does this fellow speak in this way?
It is blasphemy!
Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
At once Jesus perceived in his spirit
that they were discussing these questions among themselves;
and he said to them,
"Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?
Which is easier,
to say to the paralysed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,'
or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?'
But so that you may know
that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —
he said to the man who was paralysed—
"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home."
And he stood up,
and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them;
so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying,
"We have never seen anything like this!"
The Gospel of the Lord.