

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I

Ez 2:2-5

#### *A reading from the book of prophet Ezekiel*

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me  
and set me on my feet,  
and I heard the one who was speaking say to me:  
Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,  
rebels who have rebelled against me;  
they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this  
very day.

Hard of face and obstinate of heart  
are they to whom I am sending you.

But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD!  
And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious  
house—

they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

#### *The word of the Lord*

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

***R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.***

To you I lift up my eyes  
who are enthroned in heaven —  
As the eyes of servants  
are on the hands of their masters.

***R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.***

As the eyes of a maid  
are on the hands of her mistress,  
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God,  
till he have pity on us.

***R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.***

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us,  
for we are more than sated with contempt;  
our souls are more than sated  
with the mockery of the arrogant,  
with the contempt of the proud.

***R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.***

## Reading II

2 Cor 12:7-10

### ***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians***

Brothers and sisters:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated,  
because of the abundance of the revelations,  
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,  
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave  
me,

but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness."

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,  
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,  
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,  
for the sake of Christ;

for when I am weak, then I am strong.

### ***The word of the Lord***

**Alleluia**

***R. Alleluia, alleluia.***

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

***R. Alleluia, alleluia.***

### ***A reading of the holy Gospel according to Mark***

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,

and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### ***The Gospel of the Lord***

## Prayer of the Faithful

**A** That the prophetic voice of the Church never ceases to proclaim the saving cross of Christ,

***let us pray to the Lord:***

**B** That the religious freedom our country was founded upon be cherished and preserved,

***let us pray to the Lord:***

**C** That the arms of the rich embrace the poor and the feet of the wayward find safe return,

***let us pray to the Lord:***

**D** For our nation, celebrating Independence Day— may we live the Christian ideals on which it was founded and remember our dependence on God,

***let us pray to the Lord:***

**E** That all of us recognize Christ when he comes here to teach and heal,

***let us pray to the Lord:***

**F** For all our families affected by Covid, our children, our teens, and adults. May the healing power of Jesus fill their hearts with love and hope, bless and protect them,

***let us pray to the Lord:***

**G** For all our Holy Family's parishioners who are sick, convalescent, or hospitalized. May the Lord heal them to a full recovery,

***let us pray to the Lord.***

*(Please read all after everyone has received communion)*

***For those not able to be here physically or receive Holy Communion at this time.***

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen**