

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—June 30, 2019

## First Reading — 1 Kings 19:16,19-21

<sup>16</sup> “And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ...”

<sup>19</sup> So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

## Responsorial Psalm PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

R. (cf. 5a) **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.”

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence

because you will not abandon my soul to the  
netherworld,

nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo

corruption.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

## Second Reading — Galatians 5:1, 13-18

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ...

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law.

## Gospel Reading — Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him;

<sup>53</sup> but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and

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rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But he said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — 1 Kings 19:16,19-21

1. How do you feel about Christ's call to leave all and follow him?

#### Second Reading — Galatians 5:1, 13-18

2. What are some of the ways in which we allow ourselves to become enslaved again after Christ has set us free?
3. How can we insure that we are walking in the Spirit and not in the desires of the flesh?

#### Gospel Reading — Luke 9:51-62

4. How does knowing that Jesus' face was set to go to Jerusalem to endure the impending sacrifice, help explain his statements to those who lightly said, "I will follow you wherever you go?"
5. If you said, "I will follow you wherever you go," what cost would Jesus call to your attention?
6. To what extent do you feel that Christ is calling you to follow him in an extraordinary way?

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*