

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

Reading 1

Citation: 2 Kings: Chap 5, Verses 14-17
2 Kings 5: 14-17

This is a story that is filled with surprise, awe, and wonder at what God does through His creatures – humans. Tell it that way. Naaman is indeed grateful – wouldn't you be? Show it. But Elisha knows where the cure came from and humbly presents his case. Reflect this as well. Remember, the author is attempting to establish the kingship of God in the minds of the Israelites.

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan (narrator)
seven times
at the word of Elisha, the man of God. (parenthetical) (very short pause)

His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, (surprise!)
and he was clean of his leprosy. (short pause)
Naaman returned with his retinue to the man of God. (narrator)

On his arrival
he stood before Elisha and said, (very short pause)
“Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.
Please accept a gift from your servant. (supplication)

Elisha replied,
“As the Lord lives (enthusiastic)
whom I serve, (parenthetical)
I will not take it;” (very short pause)
and despite Naaman’s urging,
he still refused. (very short pause)

Naaman said:
“If you will not accept,
please (humbly polite – this section)
let me,
your servant, (parenthetical)
have two mule-loads of earth,
for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god
except to the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

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Reading 2

Citation: 2 Timothy: Chap. 2, Verses 8-13
2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Paul's testimony to the very befock of his belief in Jesus and in His Message. You must be Paul and be as forcefully Paul as you can find in your soul to be him!

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead,
a descendant of David:

(be firm)

(very short pause)

such is my gospel,
for which I am suffering,
even to the point of chains,
like a criminal.

{almost parenthetical
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But the word of God is not chained.

(very short pause)

Therefore,

I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
together with eternal glory.

(short pause)

This saying is trustworthy:

(very short pause)

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;

(short pause)

if we persevere

(urging)

we shall also reign with him.

(very short pause)

But

if we deny him
he will deny us.

(very short pause)

If we are unfaithful

he remains faithful,

(very short pause)

for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL

Citation: Luke, Chap. 17, Verses 11-19
Luke 17: 11-19

The ten lepers. What a sight this must have been! They are destitute, totally rejected. Yet, they realize that this man, Jesus, can cure them! Let you listeners hear that conviction! Jesus, too, feels deeply for them ... and cures them as they go to the priests he has insisted they see (the Jewish rubric). Only one returns in thanksgiving. How does Jesus feel? Yet, he is mindful of this one person.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem,
he traveled through Samaria and Galilee.

As he was entering a village,
ten lepers met him.

(very short pause)

They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying,

"Jesus,

(raise volume)

Master!

Have pity on us!"

(they are pleading with Jesus)

And when he saw them, he said,

"Go show yourselves to the priests."

(an order!)

As they were going
they were cleansed.

(surprise!)

And one of them,
realizing he had been healed,
returned,

glorifying God in a loud voice;

and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

(voice gradually goes down)

He was a Samaritan.

(Oh, Oh!)

Jesus said in reply,

"Ten were cleansed, were they not?"

(questioning tone)

Where are the other nine?

(more questioning)

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

("I can't believe it!")

Then he said to him,

"Stand up and go;

your faith has saved you."

(gentle tone)

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The Gospel of the Lord.