

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING Ezekiel 2.2-5 *They are a rebellious house.*

*They shall know there has been a prophet among them.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.  
The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.  
When I saw this, I fell on my face,  
and I heard the voice of someone speaking.  
When the voice spoke to me,  
a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet;  
and I heard one speaking to me:  
“Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel,  
to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me;  
The descendants are impudent and stubborn.  
I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them,  
‘Thus says the Lord God.’  
Whether they hear or refuse to hear  
(for they are a rebellious house),  
they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.”  
The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 123.1-2a, 2b, 3-4, (R.2)

**Response .** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.  
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To you I lift up my eyes—  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens—  
as the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master.

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

As the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he has mercy upon us.

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

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn  
of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

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

### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12.7-10 *I gladly will boast of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.  
Considering the exceptional character of the revelations,  
to keep me from being too elated,  
a thorn was given me in the flesh,  
a messenger of Satan to torment me,  
to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this,  
that it would leave me,  
but he said to me,  
“My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness.”  
So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,  
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Therefore I am content  
with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities  
for the sake of Christ;  
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.  
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

**G O S P E L** Mark 6.1-6 *Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.  
Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue,  
and many who heard him were astounded.

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

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary  
and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon,  
and are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him.

Then Jesus said to them,

“Prophets are not without honour,  
except in their hometown,  
and among their own kin, and in their own house.”

And Jesus could do no deed of power there,  
except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

And Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

The gospel of the Lord.